

Driving the 'loop' in Union City brings couple together

Cathy Napier of Union City and Thomas Anthony "Big A" Darnell of Hickman, Ky., met May 1984 on the Reelfoot Shopping Center parking lot, which was a popular hangout for high school students at the time.

They were introduced by two mutual friends and had their first date about two weeks later. He took her to Taco John's, which was located where Bad Bob's is now.

"At that time, kids just did a lot of riding around Union City," Mrs. Darnell said. "Anthony drove a 1970 yellow Oldsmobile 442 and it was quite the hot rod. We always had to go to the car wash first thing before we made our 'loop' around town. He loved cars and always said the 1965 Pontiac convertible, which was my parents' second family car and I drove, is what caught his eye first, then he noticed the driver, me. The rest is history."

The couple became engaged in February 1985 and were wed March 1, 1986, at Exchange Street Church of Christ in Union City. They now reside in Union City.

They each had four attendants. Serving her were her maid of honor, Denise

Tanner Flatt of Nashville; and her bridesmaids, Tracy Stover Huse of Tyler, Texas, her sister Karen Napier Huffstutter of Union City and Lori Smith Allen of Kenton.

Serving as best man was his brother, the late Ricky Darnell. Randy Walker of Dresden, Kenneth Cary of Troy and Jimmy Darnall of Benton, Ky., were his groomsmen.

David Decker, cousin of the bride, of Atlanta performed the ceremony.

"This day was perfect. I remember everything going very smooth. It was cold that day, but over 200 of our friends and family attended. We enjoyed planning the wedding and that day was lots of fun. I always said if I could do it all over again, I would not change a thing," she said.

Mrs. Darnell is the daughter of Gayle Napier and the late Don Napier of Union City. Darnell is the son of the late Virgil and Dorothy Darnell from Hickman.

They have one daughter, Chelsie Darnell Crumpton, who is married to Brandon Crumpton. They also reside in Union City.

Mrs. Darnell is employed at Simmons Bank and Dar-



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS DARNELL

nell, who formerly worked in the farming industry, is now retired.

"Our advice for a long marriage is never hold a

grudge, you must be quick to forgive, and this will most likely be done daily. Say I love you many times a day. The only people you

must make happy is each other. Marriage is two people loving, living and working together, there is no room for greed or selfish-

ness. Marriage is challenging and at the same time very fulfilling. It is only for the committed," Mrs. Darnell said.

Coles meet at Fairview Baptist Church

Ricky and Sandra (Mobbs) Cole married June 29, 1973, at Fairview Baptist Church near Obion — the place where they first met.

He was living in Union City and she was living in Obion. The two dated for three years before getting married. The late Jimmy Young officiated the ceremony.

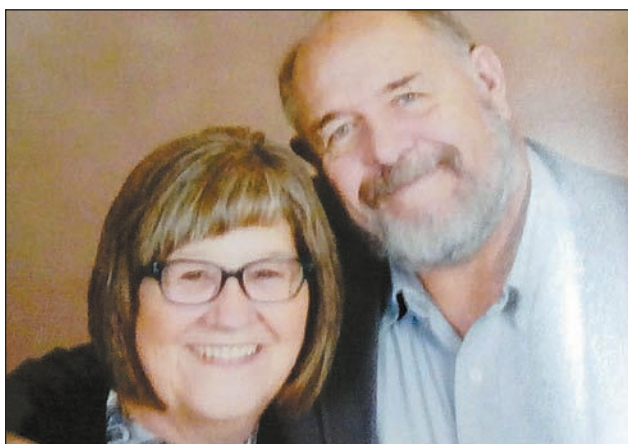
Anna (Cole) Duren, sister of the groom, served as maid of honor and Gary Duren, brother-in-law of the groom, served as best man. Reba (Mobbs) Smyth, the bride's sister, served as the flower girl.

The two honeymooned in the Smoky Mountains, but the trip got off to a bumpy start.

Mrs. Cole said their honeymoon was the first time her groom had ever traveled out of the area, much less traveled through a big city. While driving through Nashville, he became overwhelmed with the traffic and pulled off the road saying, "I can't do this."

He is the son of Floyd Cole and the late Lucille Cole of Union City and she is the daughter of the late Joe Mobbs and Mary (Mobbs) Brandon.

Cole worked at the former Reelfoot Packing Company from 1972-90. He then went to work driving a truck at Gordon Food Service, where he is still employed. He served several years as



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a deacon at Second Baptist Church in Union City.

Mrs. Cole is a homemaker and teaches a youth Sunday School class at Second Baptist Church.

Their three children and their spouses are Dana (Cole) and Justin Norsworthy of Mayfield, Ky., James

and Melissa Cole of Troy and Michael Cole of Union City. They have six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cole's marriage advice is, "You have to have commitment. Marriage is not 50/50, but both partners giving 100 percent."

Couple weds after dating 4 months



Don Bailey lived in Ripley when he transferred to Shainberg's in Union City, where his future bride, Patsy Pinion, was employed.

After a four-month courtship, the two were married Oct. 17, 1974, at Mt. Ararat Church near Union City. The Rev. Bobby Williams performed the ceremony.

The two honeymooned at Paris Landing. He is retired from Knotts Wholesale Foods and the couple owns three car washes — two in Union City and one in Martin.

She is the daughter of the late David and Becky Pinion. He is the son of the late Frazier Bailey and the late Bettye Bailey.

Their two children and their spouses are Chris and Kim Bailey and Wendy and Steve Ping. They have three grandchildren. They all live outside of Union City on Beech Chapel Road.

Mrs. Bailey said the secret to a long marriage is to "Always keep God first and everything else falls into place."



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