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# Robbins have shared nest for 67 years

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**H**usbands should learn to cook and couples should never go to bed mad. That's the advice of Edna and Dennis Robbins, married 67 years today.

Dennis, 91 and Edna, 87, say there's no real secret to a life-long marriage — they never considered anything else.

"There's no secret, no magic," said Edna at the couple's Anna Russell Way home in Unionville, where they live independently and have since 1980.

"When we got married, we didn't think about parting ways the way they do now. We had to make a living and that's just what we did," Edna said.

"And it won't happen now, we need each other too much."

Dennis said he's discovered he has a talent in the kitchen and that's helped.

"I turned out to be a pretty good cook," he said. Both the Robbins are mobile, albeit with walkers, and play cards with friends, attend activities at their complex's Heritage Centre and entertain family when they can.

They have two daughters, Jean and Gail, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Dennis is a retired motor mechanic and drove a school bus after his retirement. He's still driving

— successfully passing his test every year. Edna worked at the Ontario Health Insurance office in Toronto, retiring in 1977. She has family from British Columbia to Gananoque.

"We don't see them all very often, just the ones who live close enough — they are too scattered," she said.

"They go where their destiny takes them." For a short time during the Depression years, Edna worked at a "powder" plant in the city — putting gunpowder into shells.

"We had to disrobe when we got there, put on a gown and they made sure we had no metal in our straps or buckles," she recalled. "But it was..."

"...too dangerous," her husband chips in. "I decided there were other jobs out there," she finished.

Dennis' family came from England originally. In fact, his father, who came a few months earlier than the rest of the family, "couldn't get on the Titanic, so he took the next boat," he said.

The couple has travelled to the U.K., Hawaii, Florida and across Canada in their years.

A visit from their daughters tomorrow will help mark their anniversary — but they are really gearing up for the big bash on their 70th, they joked.

"Who knows where we'll be then?" Edna asked, adding marriage has been good to them.

"Remember, everybody has their ups and downs," she said.

"And never go to bed mad," Dennis said.

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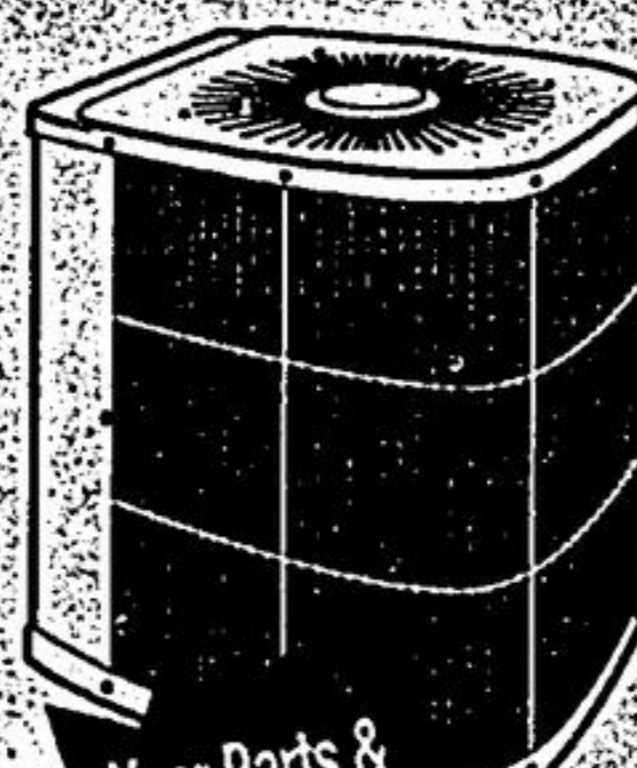
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