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Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh, this is a lot of fun I am excited about this and how we're going to be able to connect with each other and.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Talk about two of my favorite people in the whole wide world Wilson and debbie Copeland let's just give it up, then big hand round of applause.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: for making 50 years together, I am Carol Copeland talus I am the sister of Wilson Copeland and the sister in law of debbie Copeland.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And this is a family affair family has put this together tonight it's going to be a lot of fun we're upwards of almost 50 people i'm sure that there's some others who are going to join us, but I want to say thank you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you, thank you so much for joining us tonight, it is just exciting to have you here, I am not doing this by myself, I couldn't have done it without the team.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And the team makes up lauren neon D know lauren Copeland d&d lorna Thomas Parkinson and Michelle Thomas material, so one by one they're just going to say a quick hi you'll hear from them a little later on, so lauren take yourself off mute and Come on, and tell everybody Hello.

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NNamdi Lauren: Good evening everyone I hope all is well.

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NNamdi Lauren: Happy holidays.

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NNamdi Lauren: Maybe i'm a mom so.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: you're good now, we heard you that was great.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That she's moving over to another device they're all saying.

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NNamdi Lauren: Okay, great to see everyone glad everyone's here to celebrate mom and dad's 50th and the tacky says Hello and shola in Germany hello, look forward to an awesome evening.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Great Thank you so so much all right, Michelle Thomas Montero you're up next.

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Michelle Thomas-Monteiro: In the.

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morning.

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Michelle Thomas-Monteiro: Good evening, my name is Michelle Thomas my terrible i'm the youngest nisa Wilson and Deborah kolb and thank you so much for taking the time out of your busy schedule to come to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of my ankle happy anniversary.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you, Michelle Thank you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: i'm not sure lorna is here, let me just do a quick search she will talk to her later that's all right, I want to thank you all so much okay now so now we're going to play the favorite song.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Of Wilson so i'm going to just do something real quickly and then going to switch screens here.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: awesome we're ready or na.

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Farquharson Family: family.

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00:02:40.140 --> 00:02:41.910

Farquharson Family: Name Hello everyone Hello.

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00:02:42.930 --> 00:02:45.780

Farquharson Family: and happy 50th wedding anniversary i'm.

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Farquharson Family: To be honest here gabby's here Jerome.

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00:02:48.390 --> 00:02:55.110

Farquharson Family: You can't see what he's over there as well, and we're so happy to be here with you on this day with all of your friends and loved ones.

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Farquharson Family: 50 years that that's quite a significant milestone, and certainly as we celebrated last year, certainly a proud and honored this year to celebrate with you and looking for continued words of advice for those of us that are on our way to that length of time.

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Wilson & Debbie Copeland: But happy for you.

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Wilson & Debbie Copeland: and

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Farquharson Family: love you and happy anniversary again hey Laura be showing all the kids wonderful to see you are.

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Farquharson Family: You are.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Great Thank you.

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00:03:22.410 --> 00:03:27.090

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: i've got a throw in something absolutely check your.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: text message your text.

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Michelle Thomas-Monteiro: on it.

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00:03:34.380 --> 00:03:34.950

Michelle Thomas-Monteiro: yeah got it.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay, all right great so what i'd like to do now.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Is i'm going to take a screenshot of everybody will take some more screenshots a little later on, but if you will get in your best pose if your camera is on that'll that'll be great I know that there are some people who have to leave a little early, let me go on and change this to gallery.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: My screen just a little bit to do that.

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Wilson & Debbie Copeland: So.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I will prompt you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: They are we are we're all together that's great so i'll say three to one look right into your camera we can get everybody on the screen at the same time, so 321.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And then we will say.

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00:04:20.280 --> 00:04:20.760

Carole Copeland Thomas: Yes.

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00:04:21.660 --> 00:04:24.630

Carole Copeland Thomas: Yes, 321.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: whoa great let's do it one more time 321.

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00:04:32.430 --> 00:04:43.680

Carole Copeland Thomas: wow oh right Thank you we'll do this again and again, thank you all so much now i'm going to turn this over to my team that's lauren.

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00:04:43.770 --> 00:04:45.210

Carole Copeland Thomas: arrow yes.

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00:04:45.600 --> 00:04:46.140

Carole Copeland Thomas: girl.

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00:04:46.290 --> 00:04:51.330

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Yes, before you turn it over to your team if okay 30 seconds.

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00:04:51.480 --> 00:04:52.470

Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh, oh.

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00:04:53.940 --> 00:04:58.740

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I know I know I must tell you all that my niece gabrielle.

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00:05:00.180 --> 00:05:02.490

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: led her team.

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00:05:03.930 --> 00:05:05.160

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Giuliana i'm sad.

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00:05:07.140 --> 00:05:11.910

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: To win the Connecticut state moot court championship.

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00:05:13.410 --> 00:05:13.830

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: earlier.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Today it's my granddaughter.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you Wilson yes Giuliana has decided, she wants to be a lawyer and i'm excited for her.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I know that her uncle in heaven would be excited for her and we're all excited and all the young people who are here bright futures for all of you so congratulations Giuliana and congratulations to all Thank you all right so lorna and.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Let me go back into gallery view again.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: lorna and Michelle and lauren are going to lead this part of the program we want to hear from you, so the one thing we want you to do in the chat room, we want the chat room active.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: we'd like to find out where are you located where do you live, we have friends from all over the United States almost 50 people here more than 50 people because of families.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: But 50 who have logged on so in the chat room, we want to keep that hopping for the whole evening tell us where you're from and tell us your relationship with Wilson and debbie.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And also, if you have stories with this is really going to be story time for so many of us, we would like to find out about your story so tell us.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: It means stories, you can put them in the chat room will call.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: All some of you up so that you can share your stories with us and we're just going to have a really, really good time, so we have a couple of categories, I think i'll.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: spotlight myself i'll add myself to the spotlight, we have a number, we have eight different categories, we have stories that come from childhood.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: We have stories from school or Grad school or college or law school, we have bridal party stories we have church stories.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: We have clubs associations fraternities sororities family stories as well, and we have adult friends stories or legal story, so we have eight different categories i'm going to have.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: My young TEAM members to manage this process but we'll start, first of all with and we'd like for you to please

have your stories, no more than two minutes.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Two minutes or less I if you i'm actually now going to allow anyone to talk, let me just go on and change this mute setting to.

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00:07:55.140 --> 00:08:15.540

Carole Copeland Thomas: Allowing individuals to take themselves off mute So the first group deals with childhood friends so we'd like to hear from anyone who'd like to share a childhood friends story about Wilson and debbie that you'd like to share with our group.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Any childhood friend.

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Linda Williams Bowie: Carol this is Linda.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: He Linda.

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Linda Williams Bowie: So i've only i've told debbie and Wilson this 1000 times, but one of my first memories of debbie is, we must have been about five years old and my dad.

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Linda Williams Bowie: and her dad i'd been over to the House or something, and my dad and her dad was standing out side.

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Linda Williams Bowie: And we were just two people in both of our dads are really tall with long arms and legs and we were just running around we were running in between their legs just having a good time and it's it's it's one of you know how you have childhood memories that stick with you.

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Linda Williams Bowie: And that's one of them and then of course Wilson came into the picture in the seventh grade, and that was durfee and I

won't go into details i'll let him go into details, because we've always said Wilson love debbie from the time he was in seventh grade.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: that's a great story, thank you, thank you, thank you Amir do you want to add to the stories childhood stories.

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Linda Williams Bowie: Out of the lake.

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Linda Williams Bowie: sort of yes lived around the corner around the corner, but.

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Linda Williams Bowie: No, I thought I saw Wilson Robin store one day and one him.

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Linda Williams Bowie: So proper on your mother so proper I do remember one thing I went over there one day and I didn't wear the shoes My mother died she doesn't know Albert is no, you should do that.

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Linda Williams Bowie: Long long long.

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Linda Williams Bowie: Long.

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Wilson & Debbie Copeland: you've got something to say.

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Jennifer Bell: about to say a couple of things I think i've known debbie since I was one because we moved to Edison when I was one and I have a lot of childhood memories what think I feel check out, I still feel terrible about is we came home from school one day.

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Jennifer Bell: And and debbie was supposed to be practicing her piano

but her mother was over next door at Dorothy and George Jackson.

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Jennifer Bell: So we decided, we would, can you all hear me.

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00:10:45.150 --> 00:10:46.410

Carole Copeland Thomas: Yes, you're good uh huh.

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Jennifer Bell: So we decided we would ride our bikes and that's when debbie fell off her bike.

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Jennifer Bell: And it was so awful because we were on Hamilton and sort of sort of around the corner from her house and there was all this blood and we were how old were we debbie I don't remember.

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Jennifer Bell: loving 11.

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Jennifer Bell: And like I got I guess I got her home, but I felt, you know, I was so worried and I also felt so guilty, because I agreed that she shouldn't have to practice or piano lessons and that we should.

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Jennifer Bell: We had a lot of fun living on Edison and it was you know just Tony Jones valor and daryl Dixon lived around the corner.

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Jennifer Bell: We were just a pack and.

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Jennifer Bell: I am just also internally grateful for this long term friendship.

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00:11:48.240 --> 00:11:48.690

Jennifer Bell: and

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Jennifer Bell: I can't think of any funny stories that involve Wilson, because I think Wilson I I know he says you're a successful trial lawyer will.

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Jennifer Bell: still do, but I think you.

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Jennifer Bell: could have been an even more successful.

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Stand up comedian.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I agree.

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Linda Williams Bowie: I had one comment to that, if I might remember Wilson telling me back in the late 60s, because I think we had a drama class together, he wanted to be an actor, more than anything, I figured you would never have made enough money to make yourself happy boy was he wrong.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you, ladies all right, Linda Williams that Amir makeup session and Jennifer bell get up give it up for them Thank you so much, thank you alright.

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00:12:40.410 --> 00:12:40.710

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: We.

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00:12:40.800 --> 00:12:43.140

Linda Williams Bowie: Are we talking about high school stuff to.

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00:12:43.680 --> 00:12:44.160

Carole Copeland Thomas: know that.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That I can look at the next category yes okay all right great.

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00:12:52.380 --> 00:12:52.740

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: here.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: daryl Dixon and give it up for Darrell Darrell.

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Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I thought I saw.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Is daryl Dixon here.

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Jennifer Bell: yeah I called her on there.

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00:13:04.560 --> 00:13:05.610

Jennifer Bell: She must be left.

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00:13:06.810 --> 00:13:07.560

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: will come back.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh yeah she is your Darrell I see that you're here i'm going to add you the spotlight Darrell you hear there yeah Okay, there you are great and Valerie.

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awesome.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Great now we can't hear you can.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You make sure the Chair.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: unmute yourself.

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00:13:33.780 --> 00:13:36.120

Carole Copeland Thomas: No, we can't hear you.

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00:13:39.660 --> 00:13:43.350

Carole Copeland Thomas: Make sure that your devices connected to the zoom microphone.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And if that doesn't work darryl what you can do is you can leave the meeting and come back.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay try it again.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Can you say something Darrell.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh, so what i'd like for you to do is leave the meeting leave and then come right back.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay alright well we'll make sure we'll get you on the, on the other end.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay, great.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: All right, and valerie's there so we'll see them shortly okay debbie and Wilson, should we move on and share some some school stories school Grad school law school.

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Wilson & Debbie Copeland: You.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: said.

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00:14:30.630 --> 00:14:33.060

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: you've got dog nine here.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Who is dog nine.

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Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Will bowen.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: bill bowens Where are you.

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00:14:40.080 --> 00:14:42.210

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Take that new build Boeing.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: bill Where are you i'm going to make sure that I spotlight you.

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00:14:55.800 --> 00:15:04.260

Carole Copeland Thomas: All right, Bill let's see oh bill you're you're not on camera are you going to come on camera no and you can also i've just asked you to unmute yourself.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Because I know you're here.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: But you are muted, so you can unmute yourself and in the in the interim, how about we go to jake Oliver how's that.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay, all right let's let's bring jake on, and in fact daryl is back great so i'm going to bring darryl back to see if we can have her story shared and then we'll move on, so there we are, and let me so darryl you can take yourself off mute.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You can take yourself off mute and and then let's see if we can get this great okay.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Still can't hear you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: nope still can't hear you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Great picture.

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00:16:06.480 --> 00:16:07.710

Carole Copeland Thomas: I wish we could hear you.

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00:16:09.720 --> 00:16:18.630

Carole Copeland Thomas: So lauren i'm going to ask you or either Michelle there's a telephone number connected to this particular meeting.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And if you go anybody can go up into it looks like a yellow shield and you'll know you won't see the number but i'm going to give you the number, right now, and if you could make sure that Darrell can you call in.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Can you call in because we can't hear you so the number that you can call is Michelle You can write this down 646.

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00:16:48.390 --> 00:16:49.080

Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: All right, let me go on and put it in chat and i'll also put the meeting ID participant ID.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: We do that just a technical difficulties will get this all straightened out.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You go on and put this in chat.

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00:17:10.110 --> 00:17:14.640

Carole Copeland Thomas: All right, hang on one second We definitely want to hear these stories.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Absolutely everybody in the meeting there we are, this is the participant ID.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And here's the phone number 646-876-9923 and you're going to need this the phone number.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And the password.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Is.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Past code here's the past code.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay, I just put it in the chat so darryl You can write that down and.

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00:18:02.310 --> 00:18:12.300

Carole Copeland Thomas: call in you can stay on with your device, but just use your cell phone your smartphone and you can dial in if it asks you for any other information Michelle.

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00:18:12.630 --> 00:18:27.600

Carole Copeland Thomas: lorna or lauren just that shield up at the top Left has all the other information there okay great Thank you let's

we're going to move on and ask a bill bowen are you on camera now.

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NNamdi Lauren: Taking Bible study.

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NNamdi Lauren: Oh OK.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: OK, we get you later.

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00:18:35.100 --> 00:18:42.330

Carole Copeland Thomas: All right, that's okay all right, let me get jake Oliver yes okay jake.

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00:18:44.070 --> 00:18:44.670

Jake Oliver: Can you hear me.

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00:18:45.030 --> 00:18:45.600

Yes.

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Jake Oliver: there's so many stories that Wilson, and I basically share during Wilson, and I were roommates for period of time.

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Jake Oliver: and

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Jake Oliver: He pledged under me at first.

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Jake Oliver: It was, I had so many adventures what i'd be a Wilson affecting the comes to mind almost instantly, but it was the time semester break trip, we took we drove from nashville down to I think it was about key West.

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Jake Oliver: And I think loopy was with us, and it was like we have so

many adventures doing that I think it was about a week and then we trip, and then we caught a plane from Miami over to to Nassau.

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Jake Oliver: And we spent a couple days NASA as as desktop jetson enix his father, who was a a big time President of a big business league over there and.

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Jake Oliver: I mean every place we went we encountered just unique experiences with new people were meeting, and it was just a thrill Wilson, the thing that I never forget.

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00:20:05.700 --> 00:20:06.150

Jake Oliver: Oh what's.

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Jake Oliver: The thing that I never forget, was what we one morning we when we we drove to key West and we arrived at the docks be for just that dawn.

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00:20:19.290 --> 00:20:35.340

Jake Oliver: And we got on the car and we were pretty tired, but we want to the docks and Wilson somehow startled one of the gigantic birds at that point you just made a realization that is a golden condo.

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00:20:37.980 --> 00:20:39.990

Jake Oliver: And we have basically never.

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00:20:41.610 --> 00:20:46.260

Jake Oliver: never seen one, but every large bird that we saw was the golden condo.

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00:20:47.730 --> 00:21:06.060

Jake Oliver: But it literally scared the heck out of us all, because we were starting up but on that trip yeah we saw sharks where we went we went Fishing off a key ways that we just think various to just a lot of stuff in and Nassau, but Wilson being.

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00:21:07.620 --> 00:21:21.540

Jake Oliver: A good friend of Wilson at in nashville was a lifetime experience that i'll never ever forget but it's always an unceasing remembrance of the Mount of great times we had.

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00:21:24.600 --> 00:21:26.340

Jake Oliver: That share with you all but.

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00:21:27.780 --> 00:21:31.440

Jake Oliver: Wilson was everything that you all think he was he was more.

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00:21:34.920 --> 00:21:44.520

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: You are you also know that the other thing on that trip was we got broke in the casinos in about 30 minutes.

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00:21:45.840 --> 00:21:49.980

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: And if it hadn't been for Dr Indians we starve to death down.

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00:21:49.980 --> 00:21:51.060

Jake Oliver: There that's.

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00:21:51.990 --> 00:21:58.680

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: need to take a blood oath that is God, let me get back to nashville I would never gamble again and you.

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00:22:02.220 --> 00:22:08.640

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: should also know that jake Oliver was my best man when I got married.

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00:22:09.390 --> 00:22:12.090

Jake Oliver: yeah that's right that was 19 so you want.

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00:22:14.160 --> 00:22:14.580

Jake Oliver: Through.

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00:22:16.350 --> 00:22:16.860

Jake Oliver: The rest of.

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00:22:18.150 --> 00:22:21.570

Jake Oliver: The property before the wedding was another.

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00:22:25.530 --> 00:22:27.360

Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh that's great memories.

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00:22:29.940 --> 00:22:37.110

Carole Copeland Thomas: jake Oliver Thank you so much, given up the jake alright and Barbara in the background, thank you, thank you much.

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00:22:37.740 --> 00:22:38.730

I believe.

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00:22:39.810 --> 00:22:40.440

Carole Copeland Thomas: and Barbara.

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00:22:41.460 --> 00:22:42.240

Carole Copeland Thomas: hey Barbara.

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00:22:46.590 --> 00:22:54.210

Jake Oliver: Congratulations debbie and Wilson so so wonderful and so glad to know you and hear all the wonderful stories from jake.

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00:22:55.440 --> 00:22:57.120

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Thank you we're glad you're here.

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00:22:58.170 --> 00:23:05.370

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you alrighty I think we have daryl Dixon back, and I believe sound is all working now.

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00:23:09.600 --> 00:23:10.560

Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh, not yet.

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00:23:11.640 --> 00:23:19.080

Carole Copeland Thomas: not yet no that's what I want you to call in just use your cell phone and call that number yeah just call in we'll get you.

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00:23:20.280 --> 00:23:31.950

Carole Copeland Thomas: Right okay alrighty um let's move on nother other stories other school stories Grad school law school.

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00:23:33.060 --> 00:23:37.650

Carole Copeland Thomas: grade school any stories available, you can just step right on up.

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00:23:38.580 --> 00:23:41.730

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: we'll see you all, let me tell stories about you all.

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00:23:44.700 --> 00:23:45.780

Carole Copeland Thomas: You want Sharon low.

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00:23:48.930 --> 00:23:52.140

Carole Copeland Thomas: she's there I just ask that you unmute yourself Sharon.

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00:23:53.460 --> 00:23:55.620

Carole Copeland Thomas: Sharon and then you can tell your story.

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00:23:59.850 --> 00:24:01.560

Sharon Lowe: Good morning i'm sorry good.

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00:24:02.400 --> 00:24:02.520

Oh.

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00:24:05.040 --> 00:24:11.490

Sharon Lowe: Well guess what I was just thinking about how we celebrated you all's anniversary.

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00:24:12.600 --> 00:24:14.430

Sharon Lowe: In New York City.

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00:24:15.840 --> 00:24:17.190

Sharon Lowe: during December.

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00:24:17.370 --> 00:24:18.300

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I first one.

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00:24:18.990 --> 00:24:26.370

Sharon Lowe: Your first anniversary y'all came to visit in our little one bedroom apartment over the westin.

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00:24:26.700 --> 00:24:27.960

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Roach infested.

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00:24:31.560 --> 00:24:40.320

Sharon Lowe: And so, at any rate, we decided to go and celebrate at, of course, the Rainbow room, which was real targeted at that point.

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00:24:41.130 --> 00:25:03.810

Sharon Lowe: and none other than Duke Ellington came over to our table to wish Debbie and Wilson, a happy anniversary and saying to them the photographers were there and we had such a good time, the only problem is that nobody had enough money to purchase the pictures that were taken.

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00:25:06.630 --> 00:25:10.950

Sharon Lowe: So the pictures are in rainbow rainbow heaven someplace.

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00:25:11.310 --> 00:25:13.500

Sharon Lowe: But please know, we had a beautiful time.

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00:25:15.540 --> 00:25:16.080

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: with us.

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00:25:16.800 --> 00:25:18.240

Sharon Lowe: And Jake was with us.

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00:25:19.350 --> 00:25:20.160

Sharon Lowe: You remember.

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00:25:21.990 --> 00:25:22.320

yeah.

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00:25:23.910 --> 00:25:24.960

Carole Copeland Thomas: Jake you're on mute.

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00:25:25.260 --> 00:25:25.560

yeah.

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00:25:26.670 --> 00:25:27.720

Jake Oliver: That was a great time.

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00:25:28.830 --> 00:25:30.900

Jake Oliver: Do came to our cable and saying happy.

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00:25:31.110 --> 00:25:32.040

Sharon Lowe: Saying oh.

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00:25:34.200 --> 00:25:38.310

Sharon Lowe: happy anniversary, and he was just he was just a very, very elegant.

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00:25:39.540 --> 00:25:40.020

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: dance.

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00:25:40.350 --> 00:25:42.120

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: dance around the room.

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00:25:42.810 --> 00:25:43.020

and

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00:25:45.990 --> 00:25:48.210

Sharon Lowe: I like wait a minute she's my wife not yo.

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00:25:56.280 --> 00:26:00.360

Sharon Lowe: wish we could find those pictures I wish we could locate those pictures because.

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00:26:01.680 --> 00:26:02.700

Sharon Lowe: In addition to everything else.

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00:26:03.690 --> 00:26:05.250

Carole Copeland Thomas: that's a great story.

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00:26:06.600 --> 00:26:16.110

Carole Copeland Thomas: Wonderful any other P Grad school law school college school stories any other stories in that category.

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00:26:17.820 --> 00:26:19.890

Paul Mathis: I have a brief one can you hear me Carol.

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00:26:19.980 --> 00:26:22.290

Carole Copeland Thomas: Yes, Sir, I pay Paul.

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00:26:24.240 --> 00:26:45.600

Paul Mathis: Wilson Wilson and debbie i'm gonna take you back to nashville a place that we all love, so I met Wilson in law school and Wilson was ahead of me he and James nearly and Wilson graduated I think in December and I graduate the following May, June back with May.

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00:26:46.680 --> 00:26:57.450

Paul Mathis: When we're also left and went to Detroit Wilson would call every week every every other day man you gotta come to Detroit.

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00:26:58.290 --> 00:27:02.460

Paul Mathis: Where you got to make some money, this is, this is the place to be.

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00:27:03.630 --> 00:27:10.560

Paul Mathis: This this, you will never regret coming to Detroit and Wilson was right.

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00:27:11.910 --> 00:27:21.150

Paul Mathis: And I tell him what you know mertz gotta gotta practice medicine she's got to get a residency Wilson said don't worry about it will take care of that too.

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00:27:22.500 --> 00:27:36.900

Paul Mathis: And we wound up in Detroit and it was the best decision we ever made, we spent more years and time with Wilson and debbie and then lauren came along and Paula and it was it, it was the greatest years of our life.

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00:27:38.160 --> 00:27:42.390

Paul Mathis: From law school to Detroit to leaving Detroit moving to Mississippi.

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00:27:43.440 --> 00:27:51.210

Paul Mathis: And, and I remember when we left Wilson said I don't believe in until I see you down there and I know you actually are in Mississippi.

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00:27:51.750 --> 00:27:56.310

Paul Mathis: And yes, where's where we still live in Mississippi, but it was it was wonderful.

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00:27:56.820 --> 00:28:02.370

Paul Mathis: The many times and years that I spent with Wilson, and some of the greatest times that I spent with Wilson.

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00:28:02.700 --> 00:28:13.110

Paul Mathis: Is when Wilson, and I would take Lauren and Paula and spend our Saturdays and go spend Saturdays with our girls and just do stuff go places.

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00:28:13.470 --> 00:28:25.530

Paul Mathis: And it was absolutely wonderful and Wilson, I thank you for encouraging me and pushing me to come to Detroit to spend time with you in a great part of my life that I will never forget, thank you.

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00:28:26.760 --> 00:28:34.320

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you, thank you all right great any other stories in this category, before we move on.

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00:28:34.500 --> 00:28:36.780

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Oh wait a minute I've got to add something.

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00:28:37.530 --> 00:28:49.890

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Okay Oh, however, always took the lead on things now he says, I talked him into coming up here, because you could make money Paul was the one that made the money tonight, in fact.

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00:28:50.370 --> 00:29:02.580

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: We are drinking don't pairing Oh, I cannot afford dawn Perry own, but these are bottles of Dom that Paul and Merck gave us, I think, for our 45th anniversary.

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00:29:03.300 --> 00:29:16.320

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I decided, well, we better damn drink them up, because how you gonna top 50 so i'm thinking, Dom tonight lot drinking daughter my son in law, my wife, but it's math is don't Perry yo.

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00:29:17.490 --> 00:29:17.760

Carole Copeland Thomas: well.

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00:29:18.510 --> 00:29:24.480

Paul Mathis: And the other thing and i'm a queer we both get 50 years of marriage this year.

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00:29:30.150 --> 00:29:30.750

Carole Copeland Thomas: Yes.

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00:29:33.600 --> 00:29:35.100

Carole Copeland Thomas: that's great you know what i'd like.

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00:29:35.610 --> 00:29:48.840

Carole Copeland Thomas: Is all who have passed the 50 mark if you would just put your names in the chat room, we would love to have that on record, so if you've been married 50 years plus please go on, and let us know how many years that you've been married.

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00:29:49.230 --> 00:30:04.770

Carole Copeland Thomas: Paul and Maria Thank you all so much thank you alrighty let's move on to another category and that's bridal parties bridal parties debbie anyone, you can think of in the bridal party.

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00:30:06.210 --> 00:30:08.970

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: was here well arrays here.

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00:30:09.420 --> 00:30:09.960

Okay.

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00:30:13.260 --> 00:30:14.040

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Jennifer.

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00:30:15.360 --> 00:30:27.570

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: we're, all in all, in the bridal party, so I don't know whether you have a picture of that bridal party, but they were all there and then Jay Jay Ruby and Jackie following bill bowen.

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00:30:28.590 --> 00:30:30.090

Carole Copeland Thomas: Is checking here yeah.

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00:30:30.180 --> 00:30:32.880

Carole Copeland Thomas: yeah chunky farmer.

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00:30:34.410 --> 00:30:35.610

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: said he was going to be on.

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00:30:35.700 --> 00:30:38.160

Carole Copeland Thomas: us here, yes, he is i'm going to.

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00:30:39.330 --> 00:30:47.970

Carole Copeland Thomas: Add him to the spotlight there, he is so chunky farmer we'd love for you to share your story about being in the bridal party and.

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00:30:50.220 --> 00:30:51.240

Carole Copeland Thomas: Jackie take it away.

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00:30:53.340 --> 00:30:59.730

Charles Farmer: \$1 to be my lawyer, but when I was in law school, so I have attorney client privilege.

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00:31:02.100 --> 00:31:03.900

Charles Farmer: lasted all this time.

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00:31:05.040 --> 00:31:08.460

Charles Farmer: Being roommates but I remember the wedding.

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00:31:09.660 --> 00:31:10.770

Charles Farmer: Reception was that.

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00:31:12.480 --> 00:31:15.150

Charles Farmer: Big of Catholic women castor green hall.

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00:31:16.290 --> 00:31:19.230

Charles Farmer: in Detroit it was a cold night and.

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00:31:20.550 --> 00:31:22.500

Charles Farmer: i'm very thankful that 50 years ago.

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00:31:23.550 --> 00:31:25.500

Charles Farmer: i'm still celebrating with the two of you.

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00:31:26.640 --> 00:31:29.190

Charles Farmer: Who my best friends and.

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00:31:30.210 --> 00:31:35.910

Charles Farmer: wish you good health and prosperity in I can't tell you stories.

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00:31:42.360 --> 00:31:43.140

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: about being.

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00:31:44.280 --> 00:31:45.450

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: down in nashville.

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00:31:48.150 --> 00:31:54.630

Carole Copeland Thomas: But Jackie Do you remember what it was like that night or that was so it was a week of partying with your your wedding.

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00:31:55.050 --> 00:31:59.700

Carole Copeland Thomas: Can you remember anything specifically about that time period when Wilson and debbie got married.

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Charles Farmer: I just remember it was very cold and I kept looking at the.

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00:32:07.440 --> 00:32:12.300

Charles Farmer: dressing reception is the good Catholic women, I said, will they let me in there.

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00:32:19.380 --> 00:32:20.130

Charles Farmer: I got in.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: got in.

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00:32:22.170 --> 00:32:23.460

Carole Copeland Thomas: Great that's great.

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00:32:23.940 --> 00:32:37.290

Carole Copeland Thomas: crowded people Thank you so much Jennifer I want to bring you back and see if you can add some spice to wedding time period December 29 1971.

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00:32:38.190 --> 00:32:53.190

Jennifer Bell: Oh, there are a couple things that I remember one thing is like the guys had like the world's largest afros in in the in the wedding I still have picture I still have pictures of it, and my mother had gotten me.

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00:32:53.550 --> 00:33:02.700

Jennifer Bell: A hair appointment because I had just come home, you know for the wedding.

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00:33:04.350 --> 00:33:09.120

Jennifer Bell: I don't know what they did do it, so I had to comb it all out to try to look normal.

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Jennifer Bell: Another thing I remember, which is kind of silly is that we're was there was a an after party and whose house loose basement was that.

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00:33:23.070 --> 00:33:23.490  
Wilson & Debbie Copeland: yeah.

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00:33:25.020 --> 00:33:28.080  
Jennifer Bell: yeah Maybe it was I did something wrong.

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00:33:28.710 --> 00:33:29.130  
Okay.

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00:33:31.230 --> 00:33:38.970  
Carole Copeland Thomas: There was so many parties that week, so I can see how you get confused about which one it was.

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00:33:40.470 --> 00:33:41.760  
Jennifer Bell: yeah that.

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00:33:41.790 --> 00:33:47.400  
Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Was jennifer's parents gave us the bar shower about a couple of shower with.

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00:33:48.960 --> 00:33:55.350  
Wilson & Debbie Copeland: And you were supposed to bring things for a bar, which made Wilson really happy and several of them were still using.

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00:33:59.940 --> 00:34:05.100  
Jennifer Bell: I remember this party, and it was maybe did you go on a honeymoon right after here.

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00:34:06.600 --> 00:34:07.230  
Wilson & Debbie Copeland: For a while.

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00:34:07.560 --> 00:34:09.360  
Jennifer Bell: Okay, because what I remember it.

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00:34:10.320 --> 00:34:11.160  
edward thomas: was for a while.

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00:34:11.700 --> 00:34:12.360

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: that's right.

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00:34:13.710 --> 00:34:14.130

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: On yeah.

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00:34:16.320 --> 00:34:16.830

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: We.

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00:34:18.360 --> 00:34:26.250

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: You know the height the night we got married we stayed in the hotel and then the next day it was sort of like where are we going now.

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00:34:28.500 --> 00:34:44.940

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: My mother's House will follow family his mother's house is for family, and so let me invited us to stay with them and we had so that was the third year and we were there till about the first or second we had the best time it was just.

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00:34:46.110 --> 00:34:54.210

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: We each of us would go to our different parties and stuff and then we'll come back and be together and stay up to all hours of the night talking and drink it.

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00:34:57.330 --> 00:34:57.600

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: didn't.

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00:35:01.200 --> 00:35:06.330

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: start to like 15 we can stay with them that long no but we get it was for a week I said it.

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00:35:06.390 --> 00:35:07.320

edward thomas: seemed like it.

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00:35:10.830 --> 00:35:12.360

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: To be like oh fish oh.

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00:35:14.040 --> 00:35:15.210

edward thomas: No i've never seen that.

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00:35:18.330 --> 00:35:26.280

Sharon Lowe: Well, this is Sharon, I remember our gorgeous gorgeous bridesmaids dresses which were just simply.

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00:35:27.180 --> 00:35:33.450

Sharon Lowe: Get they were just absolutely fantastic because, during that time bridesmaids dresses looked like bridesmaids dresses you just.

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00:35:33.750 --> 00:35:53.910

Sharon Lowe: You know, you know you did more than welcome but debbie ours, we just beautiful, you know the silver you know, a powder silver David just simply gorgeous and also, I still have your gift to us, which were the white kid gloves and still have those those were that was your gift to your bridesmaids.

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00:35:54.090 --> 00:35:57.750

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: wow and you still have you have a Monday night.

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00:35:58.740 --> 00:35:59.280

No.

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00:36:00.570 --> 00:36:03.450

Sharon Lowe: And by the way, yes i'm dressed to the nines to.

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00:36:06.420 --> 00:36:07.320

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: have them on.

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00:36:08.940 --> 00:36:09.450

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Always.

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00:36:10.740 --> 00:36:16.350

Carole Copeland Thomas: And I don't worry, I was a bridesmaid I don't remember those beautiful gloves but I remember all the partying and.

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00:36:16.920 --> 00:36:31.770

Carole Copeland Thomas: Remember the silver dress with the red ribbon and just the beauty and just all of the magical nature of Christmas and partying and having a wedding during that time of year was just a

lot of fun awful lot of fun.

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00:36:34.290 --> 00:36:41.640

Carole Copeland Thomas: Great great thank you ladies Thank you and eddie Thomas and Thomas, thank you for those memories, we appreciate that.

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00:36:42.150 --> 00:36:42.720

Carole Copeland Thomas: All right.

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00:36:43.230 --> 00:36:49.350

Linda Williams Bowie: I got I got one quick comment I swear I can remember go to a party have movie house, right after the wedding.

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00:36:49.830 --> 00:36:50.910

Linda Williams Bowie: You ever been in this.

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00:36:50.910 --> 00:36:54.570

Linda Williams Bowie: over breast and now sit down and talking and Lorraine all like.

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00:36:56.220 --> 00:37:00.810

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Oh yeah we we went to lose House after the wedding.

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00:37:01.410 --> 00:37:03.450

Jennifer Bell: yeah that's what I remembered.

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00:37:03.900 --> 00:37:07.560

Jennifer Bell: that there was a party afterwards, and I remember thinking.

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00:37:09.900 --> 00:37:12.090

Jennifer Bell: That what were you all doing there.

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00:37:23.130 --> 00:37:24.600

Carole Copeland Thomas: Memories yes.

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00:37:25.050 --> 00:37:26.820

Susan & Clinton King: Right Susan King right.

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00:37:30.990 --> 00:37:31.320

Jennifer Bell: Right.

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00:37:31.380 --> 00:37:31.980

Jennifer Bell: that's true.

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00:37:33.510 --> 00:37:41.460

Susan & Clinton King: We were in town, we had go back to Austin because his family was doing something so we were in town to the 26.

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00:37:42.030 --> 00:37:51.810

Susan & Clinton King: And I would just say this, there were parties every night it, I mean we had to get out of town, just to rest get in the car and driving dressed.

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00:37:52.170 --> 00:37:57.540

Susan & Clinton King: You know, and I mean to go to the other end but there was something going on every night yeah yeah we should.

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00:37:57.930 --> 00:38:06.570

Susan & Clinton King: stay in town for the wedding but we could one other comment for Wilson real quick when we got married i'm debbie you all were in another wedding.

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00:38:07.380 --> 00:38:18.150

Susan & Clinton King: And we Wilson was in town debbie was gone, but for clinton's bachelor party Wilson Wilson tam I just want to say this, and they really got him good and drunk.

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00:38:18.630 --> 00:38:26.550

Susan & Clinton King: And I think the rest, you have a good drunk too, and then we'll see you had to get up the next morning to drive to get better but anyway, I will forget that just my little.

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00:38:28.770 --> 00:38:29.490

Carole Copeland Thomas: Great great.

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00:38:30.840 --> 00:38:34.200

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Let me stop i'm going to do a little cross identification here.

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00:38:35.970 --> 00:38:37.980

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Elliot and surely hall.

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00:38:39.750 --> 00:38:41.670

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: With the hope that you were still on.

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00:38:42.690 --> 00:38:47.130

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: The person who just spoke is the daughter of Dr James Robinson.

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00:38:48.960 --> 00:38:49.410

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Who.

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00:38:50.520 --> 00:38:52.500

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: delivered tiffany.

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00:38:53.160 --> 00:38:54.690

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Right and surely.

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00:38:55.320 --> 00:38:58.800

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Yes, you do to deliver tiffany yes.

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00:39:06.630 --> 00:39:07.470

Susan & Clinton King: me that alone.

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00:39:07.530 --> 00:39:07.740

you're.

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00:39:10.800 --> 00:39:17.880

Carole Copeland Thomas: We want to bring somebody else on who I know who would like to give some comments, and this is what Carl Thomas.

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00:39:19.230 --> 00:39:24.750

Carole Copeland Thomas: My children's dad and he has some reflections to give my car i'll take it away.

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00:39:27.090 --> 00:39:27.780

Carole Copeland Thomas: or your unmute.

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00:39:29.250 --> 00:39:29.550

You.

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00:39:39.750 --> 00:39:40.650

Carole Copeland Thomas: We can hear you now.

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00:39:41.130 --> 00:39:49.530

Mickarl Thomas: Thank you, thank you so very much, I think, as I indicated earlier, that Wilson and debbie their usual couple.

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00:39:50.700 --> 00:39:58.110

Mickarl Thomas: want to really reflect on the fact that both of them took care of their mother.

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00:39:59.400 --> 00:40:02.190

Mickarl Thomas: And I think that is something to super green.

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00:40:03.300 --> 00:40:08.880

Mickarl Thomas: Mrs fish journal, and what I refer to as Marco.

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00:40:09.900 --> 00:40:28.860

Mickarl Thomas: I want to commend them on their 50 years is and thanks for that only thinking of your sales, but of your extended family and sharing your love and to God be the glory, and thank you Karen and the rest of the family forgiving this tribute to them.

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00:40:29.880 --> 00:40:30.300

Mickarl Thomas: Thank you.

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00:40:30.720 --> 00:40:31.050

Carole Copeland Thomas: hey.

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00:40:31.080 --> 00:40:31.830

Thank you.

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00:40:33.600 --> 00:40:42.630

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you much alrighty we're going to speaking of that we're going to move on and talk about church and bring on some.

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00:40:44.130 --> 00:40:44.790

Carole Copeland Thomas: Yes.

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00:40:45.000 --> 00:40:47.040

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I just happened to seek a space.

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00:40:47.580 --> 00:40:48.060

Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay.

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00:40:48.240 --> 00:40:57.540

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: he's the one who 50 years ago said they'll never laugh so we're still together out of what.

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00:41:00.210 --> 00:41:01.110

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: he's talking about.

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00:41:07.980 --> 00:41:08.460

Kay Wade: you're right.

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00:41:09.510 --> 00:41:10.770

Kay Wade: I was wrong.

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00:41:13.110 --> 00:41:15.180

Kay Wade: I apologize, I was wrong.

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00:41:15.450 --> 00:41:21.450

Kay Wade: And regulations to two of you, it is nice to see him the two did last year.

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00:41:21.930 --> 00:41:23.400

Kay Wade: And I expect 50.

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00:41:23.400 --> 00:41:25.020

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: More okay.

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00:41:29.610 --> 00:41:30.180

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Great.

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00:41:31.050 --> 00:41:39.780

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you much alrighty my pastor Ray hammond is here and he's probably in Bible study at the same time.

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00:41:40.380 --> 00:41:49.020

Carole Copeland Thomas: Normally I do Bible study on Wednesday nights, and so I had to toss it over to the worship leader and our assistant pastor to do all the zoom activities.

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00:41:49.380 --> 00:41:57.600

Carole Copeland Thomas: And so, oh he's he's come on camera so I wanted him to start us off with church reflections and then Reverend Harris you're up next.

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00:41:57.840 --> 00:42:09.480

Carole Copeland Thomas: So we'll have first Reverend Ray hammond Reverend Dr Ray hammond from Bethel amy church here in Boston my wonderful wonderful pastor co pastor of the church Reverend hammond.

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00:42:10.110 --> 00:42:17.490

Ray Hammond: Great to be here in person on this call, who may have known Wilson in the shortest time.

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00:42:18.450 --> 00:42:19.830

Ray Hammond: What a great time to.

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00:42:20.700 --> 00:42:32.160

Ray Hammond: First, introduce through Carol and then begin to build our own relationship in the context of visits and conversations some wonderful.

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00:42:33.600 --> 00:42:36.150

Ray Hammond: parties, including a new year's Eve.

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00:42:37.440 --> 00:42:43.800

Ray Hammond: But also, I want to especially celebrate Wilson, and the

supplier of a number of stories.

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00:42:43.800 --> 00:42:43.980

Ray Hammond: and

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00:42:44.100 --> 00:42:45.420

Ray Hammond: jokes which i've been able to.

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00:42:45.420 --> 00:42:46.920

Ray Hammond: use in my sermon.

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00:42:52.620 --> 00:42:58.410

Ray Hammond: About 50% of I can't use, but the other 50% are really wonderful.

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00:42:59.580 --> 00:43:04.710

Ray Hammond: And they're all funny they're all informative as as somebody has noticed here.

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00:43:05.820 --> 00:43:12.210

Ray Hammond: It is absolutely true of this manage decided to book The stand up comedy he would have been a smash hit.

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00:43:13.770 --> 00:43:16.830

Ray Hammond: Just remember having some conversations down the basement of their home.

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00:43:17.280 --> 00:43:24.930

Ray Hammond: I thought I was going to hurt myself laughing listening to Wilson coke so there's so many wonderful things and.

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00:43:25.440 --> 00:43:26.190

Ray Hammond: So many people.

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00:43:26.250 --> 00:43:27.630

Ray Hammond: talked about the impact that you.

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00:43:27.630 --> 00:43:44.910

Ray Hammond: can not only in terms of your relationship as a couple

and the example that you've been with the way in which in so many ways the two of you have served, not just the larger community of Detroit but even far beyond and to come to this point in life.

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00:43:45.990 --> 00:43:53.250

Ray Hammond: To have with the old stacy's to call the reasonable portion of health and strength to be able to have your friends celebrate you.

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00:43:53.970 --> 00:44:00.930

Ray Hammond: and to be able to talk about the difference that you've made in their lives and the difference that you've made in this world, and then god's kingdom.

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00:44:01.680 --> 00:44:19.260

Ray Hammond: wow it doesn't get a lot better than this, and all of these words of celebration are richly deserved we're just praying the next season of your lives together will be as rich and full, as you have made our lives God bless you Thank you.

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00:44:19.320 --> 00:44:30.630

Carole Copeland Thomas: awesome Thank you so much faster all right, thank you alrighty we have a very, very special tribute all of these stories and messages.

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00:44:30.900 --> 00:44:38.190

Carole Copeland Thomas: That you're sharing are all very, very special, but we want to pause for just a few minutes, this is a little bit of a surprise for Wilson and debbie.

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00:44:38.550 --> 00:44:49.350

Carole Copeland Thomas: And we have direct from Hollywood now living in Detroit and award winning actor who grew up with Wilson and debbie you've heard about the stories of.

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00:44:50.070 --> 00:44:57.750

Carole Copeland Thomas: The House that was used and all that good stuff but we now want to bring on Lou OBD jr.

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00:44:58.260 --> 00:45:04.050

Carole Copeland Thomas: Who is again I just get excited every time I see him on TV with one of the programs that.

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00:45:04.380 --> 00:45:16.620

Carole Copeland Thomas: Has aired I remember the Betty white program I used to watch that all the time that was really exciting but we'd love to have now lube ED to take it over and he is going to share some significant words of.

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00:45:17.520 --> 00:45:28.410

Carole Copeland Thomas: excitement and enthusiasm and inspiration, on behalf of all the friends who have no Wilson and debbie for so many years so Lou and to sell beanie is in the background to Lou take it away.

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00:45:29.760 --> 00:45:30.840

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: Good evening everyone.

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00:45:32.280 --> 00:45:35.490

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: so happy to be here and i'm so happy.

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00:45:37.530 --> 00:45:39.690

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: For some words I looked around.

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00:45:41.490 --> 00:45:42.930

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: there's browning.

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00:45:44.370 --> 00:45:54.870

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: other places, and nothing fits so I just threw together, but I think these wonderful people have felt in their years.

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00:45:57.090 --> 00:45:58.770

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: Now we are one.

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00:46:00.750 --> 00:46:01.890

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: In junior high.

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00:46:03.060 --> 00:46:04.380

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: I saw you in the crowd.

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00:46:05.820 --> 00:46:06.810

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: Did you notice me.

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00:46:08.100 --> 00:46:09.090

I can't be sure.

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00:46:10.740 --> 00:46:19.110

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: In high school, there were things there were times when your laughter want my heart and I wondered.

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00:46:20.220 --> 00:46:20.610

Why.

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00:46:22.470 --> 00:46:24.960

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: When we attended the same illustrious college.

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00:46:26.040 --> 00:46:28.110

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: Though there were so many to choose from.

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00:46:29.220 --> 00:46:31.620

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: I found myself infatuated with you.

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00:46:33.600 --> 00:46:36.270

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: You, my dear at captured my mind.

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00:46:37.770 --> 00:46:39.000

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: I could only think of you.

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00:46:40.770 --> 00:46:43.320

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: By the time our undergraduate years were over.

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00:46:44.610 --> 00:46:46.350

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: Thank God we were a couple.

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00:46:47.880 --> 00:46:51.300

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: One knows for sure how things will work out.

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00:46:52.410 --> 00:46:56.130

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: Yet by this time, you had captured my heart.

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00:46:57.870 --> 00:47:01.530

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: Maybe was when we were married that I was sure that you.

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00:47:01.530 --> 00:47:02.070

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: learned.

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00:47:02.940 --> 00:47:04.290

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: As much as I loved you.

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00:47:07.530 --> 00:47:10.170

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: it's hard to believe it has been 50 years.

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00:47:11.850 --> 00:47:12.690

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: Then again.

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00:47:12.990 --> 00:47:16.410

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: Oh, because we're having such a wonderful life together.

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00:47:17.940 --> 00:47:23.280

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: Because our beautiful daughter, and her husband have given us a dog or grandchildren.

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00:47:24.660 --> 00:47:28.620

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: Because the pain of city living has not on us apart.

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00:47:30.150 --> 00:47:34.410

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: Because we smile through adversity, each time we see each other.

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00:47:35.670 --> 00:47:40.950

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: We stick together light blue oh lovely Oh, and I love.

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00:47:41.790 --> 00:47:49.320

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: Oh, as others refer to us as debbie and

Wilson, or sometimes Wilson and debbie.

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00:47:51.390 --> 00:47:52.710

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: Still hurt to say.

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00:47:53.880 --> 00:47:54.780

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: They are a couple.

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00:47:56.730 --> 00:48:03.630

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: After 50 golden years we can affirm now we are a couple.

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00:48:04.710 --> 00:48:06.870

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: Now we are one.

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00:48:08.190 --> 00:48:09.480

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: Thank you, my darling.

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00:48:10.650 --> 00:48:12.030

For this beautiful journey.

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00:48:16.980 --> 00:48:17.970

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Thank you very much.

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00:48:19.980 --> 00:48:20.460

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: appreciated.

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00:48:22.200 --> 00:48:23.250

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: These people.

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00:48:24.660 --> 00:48:31.530

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: represent all that we want to have no marriage from the outside.

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00:48:32.730 --> 00:48:32.940

We.

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00:48:36.480 --> 00:48:38.160

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: Surely do represent.

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00:48:39.210 --> 00:48:40.800

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: Such a wonderful item.

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00:48:42.180 --> 00:48:47.430

Lou and Jezelle Beatty: Such a wonderful colorful and we are all just so proud.

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00:48:51.390 --> 00:48:52.470

Carole Copeland Thomas: That was beautiful.

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00:48:53.760 --> 00:48:55.230

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: hello, these two right here.

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00:48:56.280 --> 00:48:59.010

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: This is when I met when I.

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00:48:59.070 --> 00:49:02.370

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: When I had the honor of marrying her daughter.

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00:49:04.140 --> 00:49:08.190

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: The first thing, she said to me, is you better be like my Daddy my mom.

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00:49:12.420 --> 00:49:13.530

edward thomas: To treat me like my dad.

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00:49:16.860 --> 00:49:18.300

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: bought a bottle hug and kiss.

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00:49:25.950 --> 00:49:38.100

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you, Joe Thank you so much for those comforting words and just it gives inspiration to all of us as we look at Wilson and debbie and how they have lived by.

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00:49:39.120 --> 00:49:45.390

Carole Copeland Thomas: Examples of friendship and love for more than

50 years that's great Thank you alrighty.

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00:49:46.770 --> 00:49:54.090

Carole Copeland Thomas: I know now we're going to move on and talk about and i'm going to ask our hostesses lauren and.

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00:49:55.350 --> 00:50:17.340

Carole Copeland Thomas: Also, Michelle and lorna to let us know if there's some special comments that we should highlight in the chat room and also i'm going to just real quickly bring the math his family back on because their daughter is, I believe she with you, or a she on camera alone Paul and Mary.

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00:50:19.380 --> 00:50:24.360

Paula Major (Mathis): hi everyone I am off camera in Hawaii.

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00:50:27.240 --> 00:50:27.930

Paula Major (Mathis): hi.

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00:50:28.890 --> 00:50:34.140

Paula Major (Mathis): Thank you for being excellent role models to marriage and friendship.

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00:50:34.590 --> 00:50:35.100

Paula Major (Mathis): I just.

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00:50:35.280 --> 00:50:48.930

Paula Major (Mathis): love you all dearly and it's just a pleasure to be here witnessing this and they're just absolutely beautiful couples on this zoom call so it's good to see everyone's faces.

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00:50:50.280 --> 00:50:54.780

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you so much Paula and and and aloha from Hawaii I hope.

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00:50:55.050 --> 00:51:01.380

Carole Copeland Thomas: it's beautiful hope the weather is is great there, and thank you so much for your very, very fine greetings Thank you.

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00:51:01.620 --> 00:51:03.120  
Paula Major (Mathis): Oh, thank you.

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00:51:03.720 --> 00:51:14.100  
Carole Copeland Thomas: yeah all right we're gonna move on now and move into our clubs associations fraternity sorority who'd like to kick it off.

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00:51:23.100 --> 00:51:26.340  
James Neely: girl before you do that can I have can I kill one store.

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00:51:26.400 --> 00:51:28.170  
Carole Copeland Thomas: games neely go ahead.

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00:51:29.040 --> 00:51:35.070  
James Neely: First of all, the best story is the one I told last year about the waffle Wilson was still unhappy with me about that.

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00:51:37.980 --> 00:51:41.610  
James Neely: Other the other story is that I am if you heard them.

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00:51:42.120 --> 00:51:49.980  
James Neely: All I was a year ahead of Wilson, and a half, two years, I had a call, although I attended Howard with Paul and mert.

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00:51:50.610 --> 00:52:09.000  
James Neely: At any rate, one year, I had depositions in Detroit so I stayed with Wilson and debbie debbie was expecting and I bought with me a big teddy bear well Lo and behold, it snowed and I got snowed in so I couldn't get out of Detroit for a couple of days.

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00:52:10.260 --> 00:52:13.470  
James Neely: Everyone living on pinehurst if my recollection is correct.

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00:52:14.250 --> 00:52:20.700  
James Neely: And we were trying to build I can't remember why but Wilson our on the roof doing something I.

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00:52:20.700 --> 00:52:21.000

can't.

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00:52:23.370 --> 00:52:38.250

James Neely: Okay, and any rate a couple of days after I left town Wilson to debbie had lauren and I have always maintained lauren that the reason you turned out so well, is because of that teddy bear.

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00:52:40.650 --> 00:52:42.630

James Neely: So that's my story and i'm sticking to it.

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00:52:45.990 --> 00:52:49.740

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you, James right great job, thank you.

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00:52:50.220 --> 00:52:51.900

Carole Copeland Thomas: All right, who would like to kick us.

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00:52:52.770 --> 00:52:53.250

Yes.

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00:52:55.800 --> 00:52:57.420

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Big Teddy bears to both.

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00:52:58.500 --> 00:53:01.020

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: The toffee and shoulder when they were born.

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00:53:02.070 --> 00:53:02.820

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: goes on.

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00:53:04.020 --> 00:53:05.700

James Neely: I want them to start off right to.

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00:53:08.670 --> 00:53:12.030

Carole Copeland Thomas: that's beautiful that's great Thank you so much, thank you.

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00:53:12.540 --> 00:53:12.840

Okay.

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00:53:18.420 --> 00:53:18.900

Ed Welburn: yeah.

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00:53:20.070 --> 00:53:30.780

Ed Welburn: First off i'd like to thank Carol for putting this, all together, this is wow it's absolutely amazing when I when I first got the message about a Gala I thought well.

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00:53:31.350 --> 00:53:44.280

Ed Welburn: What tuxedo do I wear what dinner jacket, I mean you know it's just I kind of freaked out on which one to wear debbie you look so elegant this evening Wilson well you know.

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00:53:46.830 --> 00:53:47.700

Ed Welburn: Any rate.

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00:53:49.230 --> 00:53:49.740

Ed Welburn: I.

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00:53:52.080 --> 00:53:54.960

Ed Welburn: yeah we're celebrating your anniversary.

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00:53:55.980 --> 00:54:11.310

Ed Welburn: But if it wasn't for the two of you, we wouldn't have lauren think we wouldn't have lauren just she's just an incredible person and and she should be at the very much a part of this anniversary.

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00:54:13.800 --> 00:54:14.190

Ed Welburn: I.

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00:54:16.110 --> 00:54:19.110

Ed Welburn: I think that this is such a special event.

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00:54:20.220 --> 00:54:30.570

Ed Welburn: And you know I think about lauren I think about the two of you, I think about all the good times we've had together, I had a nice Martini debbie.

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00:54:31.470 --> 00:54:46.140

Ed Welburn: debbie taught me how to split a single drop of vermouth in half and and that's how and, to this day, I make my mind martinis the way debbie taught me to make martinis.

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00:54:46.620 --> 00:54:54.810

Ed Welburn: Congratulations to the two of you, the two of you, you know it's a celebration year anniversary celebration of.

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00:54:55.290 --> 00:55:15.240

Ed Welburn: How the two of you are at the Center piece or the thinner point of this incredible group of people that are here today, some of which i've known for many years, many of which I have heard your names heard your stories and tonight is the first time i'm seeing your faces then.

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00:55:17.160 --> 00:55:29.760

Ed Welburn: Any rate, this is a lot of fun Carol, thank you for putting it together Wilson debbie Thank you so much for everything that you've done for me this is so cool.

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00:55:29.970 --> 00:55:33.600

Carole Copeland Thomas: Congratulations first toast alrighty.

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00:55:33.840 --> 00:55:35.760

Carole Copeland Thomas: first test everyone Thank you ED.

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00:55:36.390 --> 00:55:41.160

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: And if I could and i'd like to have Mr X.

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00:55:41.550 --> 00:55:42.330

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: You said.

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00:55:43.560 --> 00:55:54.240

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: i'd like to thank you for putting this together, because when we were talking about who gets invited we said well these would be the people who are in our wedding.

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00:55:54.600 --> 00:56:04.200

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: These would be the people with whom we went to school, these would be the people whom we would invite if we were having this party at our home but doing it this way.

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00:56:05.400 --> 00:56:16.470

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I would all my good friend and it hadn't cost me a dime dime I haven't had to feed you had to go get a caterer in here right on right on.

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00:56:19.920 --> 00:56:21.090

Ed Welburn: A Wilson.

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00:56:22.110 --> 00:56:24.210

Ed Welburn: Wilson nothing's free.

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00:56:32.880 --> 00:56:42.150

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you so much alrighty who would like to step up Bob next clubs associations fraternity sorority Oh, you know what let me back up, excuse me.

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00:56:45.300 --> 00:56:45.810

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: line.

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00:56:45.870 --> 00:56:51.720

Carole Copeland Thomas: yeah, but let me bring up Reverend Harris whoo Reverend Harris, I called your name earlier and.

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00:56:53.700 --> 00:56:57.000

Carole Copeland Thomas: Is Reverend tammy Harris still here she was here earlier.

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00:56:59.460 --> 00:57:05.040

Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh, I hope she comes back i'm so sorry hopefully she'll be back and we'll be able to hear her.

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00:57:06.090 --> 00:57:12.510

Carole Copeland Thomas: i'm not sure if somebody can try to give her a call and see if she is she was here earlier.

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00:57:13.980 --> 00:57:15.780

Carole Copeland Thomas: Wilson, can you give her a call.

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00:57:19.980 --> 00:57:21.840

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: So i'm not certain.

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00:57:22.980 --> 00:57:25.110

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: yeah he may be occupied so.

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00:57:25.350 --> 00:57:31.170

Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay, all right um and so i'm going to bring up because I want to go back to the.

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00:57:31.170 --> 00:57:39.510

Carole Copeland Thomas: church group, because I sister phyllis massey can you join us and give us some reflections about St Paul.

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00:57:40.800 --> 00:57:42.000

Phyllis Massey Phone: Yes, I can.

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00:57:43.800 --> 00:57:51.210

Phyllis Massey Phone: My my name is you already know it's fellows when beast massey I have known Wilson all of his life.

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00:57:52.350 --> 00:58:09.690

Phyllis Massey Phone: I have been a member of the Church, which is grandfather pastured and of course Wilson was born within that Chariot as a youngster, and I mean a very young person Wilson was very active.

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00:58:10.620 --> 00:58:22.500

Phyllis Massey Phone: He could run he could call he could yell he could do all of the things that most young guys would do he had a very special friends.

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00:58:23.340 --> 00:58:37.320

Phyllis Massey Phone: And during the services they would be their usual cell, but it was I you knew when you saw him that there was a great future for him.

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00:58:38.370 --> 00:58:49.350

Phyllis Massey Phone: My particular concern was how he managed to do or the gay charleston scholarship committee.

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00:58:50.550 --> 00:59:04.050

Phyllis Massey Phone: We had formed a committee and there was some guidelines on the committee which restricted some persons from be eligible for the scholarship.

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00:59:05.130 --> 00:59:27.420

Phyllis Massey Phone: to levy at one point donated \$10,000 to our scholarship fund with a memorandum of understanding that included the group of persons, which were excluded from the original for.

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00:59:28.530 --> 00:59:28.920

Phyllis Massey Phone: This.

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00:59:30.330 --> 00:59:43.350

Phyllis Massey Phone: addendum that he did really spoke to the concern he has he had debbie has for everyone, it was very inclusive and.

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00:59:44.160 --> 00:59:58.680

Phyllis Massey Phone: We have youth, the funds and of course they have grown, but the his special interest in doing this really inspired many persons to take a part of it.

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00:59:59.370 --> 01:00:19.530

Phyllis Massey Phone: And, of course, you know the year is wilson's family and my family have always been close we have enjoyed many a day and time at the home Wilson and debbie and both of them are just so generous so fresh and I love them both.

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01:00:20.550 --> 01:00:32.820

Phyllis Massey Phone: And i'm just so excited to be here tonight, of course, i'm, as I said, i'm a senior Carol I don't have my speakers and I don't have a camera but i'm here, thank God.

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01:00:35.040 --> 01:00:40.470

Carole Copeland Thomas: i'm so glad you're here, because you and my mom my brother and I are mother.

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01:00:41.640 --> 01:00:43.080

Carole Copeland Thomas: My mother love you.

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01:00:43.620 --> 01:00:50.640

Carole Copeland Thomas: love the club's loved all the activities from St Paul so fellas Thank you so so much Wilson.

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01:00:51.360 --> 01:00:59.550

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Let me cut you off there for a minute, and what people need to know is that bernice was my first love.

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01:01:00.450 --> 01:01:02.340

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: We call it brittany's her name is phyllis.

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01:01:02.700 --> 01:01:14.400

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: He was it is the prettiest woman at St Paul I was willing to give her my baseball card collection and anything else, I had a value when I was 10 years old.

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01:01:15.060 --> 01:01:26.310

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: You cannot imagine the pain that was inflicted upon me when I found out that it that same time he was sneaking around at the copper house with demands he eventually married.

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01:01:31.980 --> 01:01:37.830

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: want you to know you just got off the phone with someone she said she's a senior you got to look at to me.

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01:01:39.900 --> 01:01:42.060

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Her loss was debbie game.

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01:01:46.920 --> 01:01:55.020

Carole Copeland Thomas: I can attest she's a beautiful woman so beautiful woman is about little little shy of 29 years old, should I say.

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01:02:04.950 --> 01:02:11.340

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you phyllis Thank you all right Elliot hall can can we bring you up.

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01:02:11.850 --> 01:02:13.110

Elliott Hall: Yes, yes please.

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01:02:13.230 --> 01:02:14.130  
Carole Copeland Thomas: All right.

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01:02:14.790 --> 01:02:15.450  
Elliott Hall: Can I.

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01:02:17.700 --> 01:02:18.690  
Carole Copeland Thomas: hear you are you.

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01:02:19.800 --> 01:02:21.060  
Carole Copeland Thomas: Are you on camera Elliot.

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01:02:26.310 --> 01:02:35.190  
Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh, and Elliot you're you're on mute also someone asked you to unmute yourself, and if you can come on camera that'll be great there you are.

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01:02:36.090 --> 01:02:37.590  
Elliott Hall: Okay, you can hear me but.

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01:02:38.640 --> 01:02:39.570  
Elliott Hall: where's the camera.

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01:02:40.410 --> 01:02:47.580  
Carole Copeland Thomas: Well, let me see if I can ask you to start your video no you're you're on but for some reason it's not connecting with zoom.

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01:02:48.360 --> 01:02:49.380  
Elliott Hall: Oh, my goodness.

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01:02:49.530 --> 01:02:51.030  
Carole Copeland Thomas: that's Okay, you could go ahead.

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01:02:51.300 --> 01:02:52.230  
Elliott Hall: All right, well listen.

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01:02:53.670 --> 01:03:06.870  
Elliott Hall: I have no specific story to tell you about my dear

friend Wilson and debbie because after he graduated from law school.

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01:03:08.220 --> 01:03:22.920

Elliott Hall: I was became involved in just all sorts of facets, it was not only the practice of law, but it was all of the things outside of the practice of law, it was having lunch together.

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01:03:24.060 --> 01:03:25.020

Elliott Hall: dinner together.

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01:03:26.490 --> 01:03:30.660

Elliott Hall: attending i'm a Baptist boy attending the anime church together.

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01:03:31.800 --> 01:03:42.630

Elliott Hall: I mean fishing together playing golf together and as debbie knows that probably put my feet up under their table more than then, let alone.

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01:03:43.890 --> 01:03:44.310

Elliott Hall: Though.

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01:03:46.230 --> 01:03:47.850

Elliott Hall: These are friends of which.

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01:03:49.110 --> 01:04:00.240

Elliott Hall: I don't no one really meets the measure of the depths that they have with me and sure not to talk about the relationship between layers alone.

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01:04:01.320 --> 01:04:13.650

Elliott Hall: And tiffany so I congratulate them hardly on this fifth anniversary, surely, is in New York, and I hope to be there tomorrow but i'm in Detroit and I have in my hand.

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01:04:15.060 --> 01:04:24.300

Elliott Hall: What is commonly known as bucket on the rocks with which have lyme and honor and toast to their 15 years love you dearly.

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01:04:24.780 --> 01:04:26.730

Carole Copeland Thomas: All right here here another toast.

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01:04:28.110 --> 01:04:28.710

Carole Copeland Thomas: Right.

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01:04:30.900 --> 01:04:31.650

Elliott Hall: Julian.

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01:04:34.410 --> 01:04:35.190

Carole Copeland Thomas: hi shirley.

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01:04:36.420 --> 01:04:37.020

Shirley Hall: I there.

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01:04:38.250 --> 01:04:39.720

Carole Copeland Thomas: Would you like to bring some greetings.

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01:04:40.800 --> 01:04:42.390

Shirley Hall: or um.

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01:04:43.470 --> 01:04:53.040

Shirley Hall: I have known the copeland's for about 40 years not quite the 50 that they've been married and I know it's been about 40 years because.

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01:04:54.180 --> 01:05:02.490

Shirley Hall: lauren was about three and tiffany was about three and those young ladies are now much older.

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01:05:03.060 --> 01:05:04.470

Shirley Hall: And we've experienced.

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01:05:06.090 --> 01:05:12.930

Shirley Hall: A lot of a lot of good times together, but you know what I want to say about.

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01:05:15.420 --> 01:05:17.010

Shirley Hall: Wilson and debbie.

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01:05:18.270 --> 01:05:19.350

Shirley Hall: Is that.

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01:05:23.610 --> 01:05:27.630

Shirley Hall: I think they are the epitome of.

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01:05:30.030 --> 01:05:31.230

Shirley Hall: celebration.

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01:05:32.820 --> 01:05:33.900

Shirley Hall: entertainment.

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Shirley Hall: and enjoying life.

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01:05:37.920 --> 01:05:43.530

Shirley Hall: And the wonderful thing about that is that all of us have had the opportunity.

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01:05:44.850 --> 01:05:47.610

Shirley Hall: to partake in what they love.

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01:05:48.690 --> 01:05:51.780

Shirley Hall: And that is being surrounded by friends.

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01:05:52.980 --> 01:05:56.970

Shirley Hall: So i'm glad to be among them and.

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01:05:58.110 --> 01:06:02.790

Shirley Hall: I expect an invoice any day for elliot's.

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01:06:04.440 --> 01:06:04.950

Shirley Hall: board.

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01:06:07.350 --> 01:06:30.060

Shirley Hall: Because he's always over there at their table when he's in Detroit and he loves spending time with you, I always enjoy seeing you when i'm in Detroit and and when you're on the venue so I have so

many fond memories of our being together, and I wish you.

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01:06:31.380 --> 01:06:33.150

Shirley Hall: So many more years together.

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01:06:34.230 --> 01:06:35.670

Shirley Hall: happy and healthy.

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01:06:37.080 --> 01:06:43.020

Carole Copeland Thomas: awesome Thank you shirley Thank you Elliot  
Elliot finally got this camera on that's awesome.

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01:06:44.040 --> 01:06:55.230

Carole Copeland Thomas: it's working it's working, thank you, thank  
you much hotter right we're going to El Dorado we you'd like to share  
some comments.

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01:06:56.520 --> 01:06:57.300

Carole Copeland Thomas: There yeah.

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01:06:59.520 --> 01:06:59.730

Oh.

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01:07:01.950 --> 01:07:02.340

Eldora Stevens: Yes.

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01:07:03.750 --> 01:07:06.090

Eldora Stevens: Thank you, thank you so much Carol.

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01:07:07.290 --> 01:07:21.960

Eldora Stevens: I did over everything that everyone said, we  
appreciate you Carol and I don't even know where to begin with Wilson  
and debbie because, of course, as you I don't know what category i'm  
in i'm in so many categories.

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01:07:22.830 --> 01:07:34.260

Eldora Stevens: As they know my mother and their mothers were at fists  
together, and then I proceeded them at risk, so I set that up for them  
all the fun they had it before.

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01:07:34.710 --> 01:07:35.160

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I sent.

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01:07:35.760 --> 01:07:36.240

them.

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01:07:37.260 --> 01:07:44.760

Eldora Stevens: And then I am an alpha beta delta and debbie is my sister she's an alpha beta Delta.

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01:07:46.020 --> 01:07:54.600

Eldora Stevens: And I don't think Jennifer and debbie remember that I babysat for them, many, many years ago when they were little girls and.

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01:07:55.200 --> 01:07:57.990

Eldora Stevens: You know that Do you remember jenna.

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01:07:58.380 --> 01:07:58.860

Jennifer Bell: I know.

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Eldora Stevens: You both you and millicent don't remember, but I was your babysitter.

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01:08:05.400 --> 01:08:12.780

Eldora Stevens: On several occasions, so that shows you what a good babysitter I was because I wasn't broomfield or whatever you know.

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01:08:13.380 --> 01:08:18.630

Eldora Stevens: But anyway, I love you all so much, and I appreciate the fact that you've kind of adopted me.

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01:08:19.230 --> 01:08:27.420

Eldora Stevens: Because I don't have any family anymore here in Detroit so you all are like my little brother little sister, and of course lauren.

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01:08:27.810 --> 01:08:37.200

Eldora Stevens: Is my daughter I didn't have a girl, I only had the one boy Jonathan so Lauren and Jonathan were friends so Lauren is my daughter, so therefore I have one.

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01:08:37.530 --> 01:08:46.980

Eldora Stevens: And then I'll have the two granddaughters so thank you so much, and I'm like Elliot, thank you for allowing me to belly up at your table so many times.

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01:08:47.730 --> 01:08:57.420

Eldora Stevens: And just sharing everything except as they know I don't need to learn, so therefore they always know they can share my portion with whoever else would want it.

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01:08:58.020 --> 01:08:58.950

Elliott Hall: But no.

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Eldora Stevens: just want you to know that I love you both so much, I feel like you are my true true family, the family I've chosen, not the family that I was born into but I've known you all my life so much, much continued what it bless I love you all, and thank you for including me in the party.

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01:09:22.140 --> 01:09:25.440

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you God Thank you alright.

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01:09:25.950 --> 01:09:26.790

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: say one more thing.

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01:09:26.850 --> 01:09:28.200

Carole Copeland Thomas: Absolutely, yes.

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01:09:28.380 --> 01:09:36.960

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I don't want to because we get we could go on forever because people aren't talking about all the crazy stories.

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01:09:38.100 --> 01:09:43.080

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: But I just wanted to let everybody know who was on here.

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01:09:44.100 --> 01:09:45.750

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: From this or.

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01:09:46.770 --> 01:09:56.040

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Like chucky tried to sneak in going to Tennessee state but um, but I just wanted to name them, so we all know, who is here with us.

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01:09:56.130 --> 01:10:03.870

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Sure okay we've got bill bowing Jay Diana scales, where the godparents to her.

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01:10:04.950 --> 01:10:05.880

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: To to.

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01:10:06.900 --> 01:10:14.160

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: to children and she's the godmother to lauren so you know that that's the rest that's forever.

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01:10:15.330 --> 01:10:27.090

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Yvonne Thompson adrienne a smith who everybody falls bit, and some people don't know this, he has another name they call a bit bit smell the rain was my first roommate.

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01:10:28.260 --> 01:10:42.450

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: For three years, but then she carried your Rutland another girl, we went to school with we're going to get an apartment our senior year and I said oh we're going to power, our senior my mother said no you're going to the dorm so.

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01:10:43.560 --> 01:10:59.190

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Speaking and I got together and then lorraine's mother said, well, you can have an apartment of debbie's not gonna be there, so they ended up in the door, she and carry Joe ended up in the dorm also that Linda Amir.

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01:11:01.800 --> 01:11:04.140

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Right so fans can repeat and rhonda.

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01:11:06.120 --> 01:11:06.510

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Day.

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01:11:07.800 --> 01:11:15.240

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: bye Barbara Barbara do Max who's part of that are growing up group with our boss six, which is Linda.

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01:11:17.880 --> 01:11:19.170

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Okay sandy.

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01:11:20.190 --> 01:11:30.030

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: me and tanya and then somebody else missing but anyway yeah so, but they were also done in national for a minute to okay.

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01:11:30.870 --> 01:11:51.810

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: couldn't stay away from Tony waiting to come back up here and arbor and sandy sandy Hall, so if I missed, I will go Clinton and Susan i'm sorry and a lot of these people were a part of the class of 1970 and when we were starting this in 1966 we were from.

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01:11:53.040 --> 01:12:03.060

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: There were 13 of us, so we were a big group coming down there so that's it, I just have to recognize those who were just guys saying.

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01:12:04.890 --> 01:12:18.930

Carole Copeland Thomas: And I think i've have spotlighted all those who have their cameras on if you your camera's not on I can't obviously put you on but just love you all much and and give it up for the fistfights yes all right.

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01:12:20.850 --> 01:12:21.870

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Of course Lou.

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01:12:23.280 --> 01:12:32.370

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: was one of the reasons i'm dating Wilson, as we talked and he said, Lord i'm you know come on that's that's you know.

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01:12:36.960 --> 01:12:41.130

Carole Copeland Thomas: Memories memories memories Thank you guys,

thank you.

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01:12:41.400 --> 01:12:42.780

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I do have to note that we've.

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01:12:42.780 --> 01:12:54.690

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: got on the film right now rhonda and Henry pearman Johnson, I do not like them, because they have gained a total together.

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01:12:55.980 --> 01:13:02.310

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: pounds just graduated from fifth in 68 and that just really pisses me off.

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01:13:09.240 --> 01:13:10.620

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: yeah we're glad you're here.

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01:13:12.690 --> 01:13:13.590

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you guys.

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01:13:14.730 --> 01:13:15.420

henry johnson: Well, so.

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01:13:15.960 --> 01:13:17.400

henry johnson: You know, most of these.

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01:13:18.420 --> 01:13:34.860

henry johnson: can relate, I can relate in several ways school for eternity but it's funny to me that rhonda and I developed a relationship with Wilson and debbie.

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01:13:36.210 --> 01:13:41.100

henry johnson: One that I would call a mutual admiration, we were not.

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01:13:42.420 --> 01:14:06.900

henry johnson: huggy friends, you know we didn't do a lot of partying together but somehow through the course of life that became a mutual admiration between the two couples and one of the things I always appreciate it was when we would visit them debbie was the most gracious host you ever worn a.

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01:14:07.920 --> 01:14:21.270

henry johnson: Sheep and I learned something from her one morning sitting there having a cup of coffee to count in the kitchen and you may not know this, but you taught me how to cook bake.

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01:14:23.280 --> 01:14:25.470

henry johnson: And that's all you can still I can.

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01:14:29.220 --> 01:14:32.610

henry johnson: Still pay you make bacon and now.

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01:14:33.090 --> 01:14:43.920

henry johnson: You all may not know this about Wilson Wilson has a huge ego OK, now the ego i'm talking about is not the one you all see.

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01:14:44.940 --> 01:14:59.910

henry johnson: You know and i'm going to say this just to put a point on the on the story, you know I would I consider myself not I did what I did consider myself a world class athlete.

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01:15:01.020 --> 01:15:14.670

henry johnson: Okay, and my boys asked me why, why do you say that I said it was validated check the record you don't get drafted by the pros and two different sports if you're not a world class athlete.

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01:15:15.960 --> 01:15:20.010

henry johnson: So anyway, as we got together we started playing golf together.

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01:15:21.300 --> 01:15:26.850

henry johnson: And Wilson I would notice Wilson would never talk on the golf course he does not talk on the golf course.

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01:15:28.020 --> 01:15:49.890

henry johnson: can leave it doesn't say a word you just planes keeps its head that so one summer we were Fisk and we went to went out to play around with God and we will play and i'm looking down about I guess about the eighth and ninth hole I said just trying to beat me.

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01:15:51.510 --> 01:16:12.270

henry johnson: can't believe this he's actually trying to beat me, so I hit a drive and back in the day it wasn't about to 60 to 80 Wilson stood up on it and hit it to 90 right past me wasn't it never hit a ball there fast, all in all, the times I play with the.

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01:16:13.380 --> 01:16:17.190

henry johnson: person turned around and finally showed his ego.

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01:16:18.270 --> 01:16:23.490

henry johnson: He turned around and looked at me and smiled and said take that.

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01:16:23.910 --> 01:16:24.270

henry johnson: And he.

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01:16:24.330 --> 01:16:25.950

Elliott Hall: actually go.

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01:16:26.160 --> 01:16:39.420

henry johnson: That route so Wilson that's something that people don't see of you every day that you are a competitive guy in a different kind of light, or they know about the law and.

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01:16:39.810 --> 01:16:52.320

henry johnson: The storyteller that you are, and this that'd be other, but they did not I don't think they know how competitive, you are as an athlete you know, so I tip my hat to you.

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01:16:54.360 --> 01:16:57.330

henry johnson: Show me there was more to you than intellect.

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01:17:01.320 --> 01:17:02.490

Carole Copeland Thomas: All right here here.

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01:17:05.790 --> 01:17:12.030

henry johnson: I know you take a lot of credit for, for your life and a lot of it was grace.

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01:17:13.050 --> 01:17:22.560

henry johnson: But this 50 years trust me most of us on here nope  
grace had nothing to do with it, you earn this.

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01:17:23.760 --> 01:17:46.050

henry johnson: 50 years you don't get 50 years if you don't earn he  
doesn't give you that automatically so my hat to you debbie because I  
know you kept the marriage together Okay, I know who kept it strong I  
know because I have one that did it for me.

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01:17:46.680 --> 01:17:47.040

Thank you.

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01:17:48.360 --> 01:17:49.020

Carole Copeland Thomas: awesome.

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01:17:50.460 --> 01:17:50.910

Carole Copeland Thomas: Yes.

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01:17:52.230 --> 01:17:52.530

Jennifer Bell: grab.

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01:17:54.090 --> 01:17:55.350

Jennifer Bell: my childhood story.

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01:17:56.040 --> 01:17:57.030

Carole Copeland Thomas: Real quickly yes.

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01:17:57.300 --> 01:18:09.060

Jennifer Bell: Yes, it just made me people talking about food and dodi  
mentioning children's made me think about this when we were kids on  
new year's food almost always go to the Dixon salary and Darrell.

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01:18:09.570 --> 01:18:17.700

Jennifer Bell: And mystics and would make Shetlands and would make  
roast beef for the kids and they had a dog named trigger.

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01:18:18.240 --> 01:18:37.680

Jennifer Bell: and trigger would eat anything so when we were kids one  
day we said let's give we just did not want to taste children's and we  
gave triggers and children's and trigger wouldn't eat them so to this,

to this day, I have never tasted caitlin's and I was shocked to know the debbie yes.

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01:18:40.470 --> 01:18:41.280

Carole Copeland Thomas: Every year.

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01:18:43.260 --> 01:18:44.190

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you Jennifer.

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01:18:49.710 --> 01:18:56.130

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you, I wanted to see if Yvonne and Diana would like to give some quick remarks.

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01:18:58.680 --> 01:19:08.580

Carole Copeland Thomas: quick comments oh Diana you can't i'm not sure you're not on mute your your you're not on mute but maybe if you could turn your volume up or.

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01:19:11.490 --> 01:19:12.900

Carole Copeland Thomas: And, in the meantime.

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01:19:14.310 --> 01:19:19.170

Carole Copeland Thomas: You fine thoughts reflections asked you to unmute.

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01:19:24.930 --> 01:19:28.800

Yvonne Thompson: If so many things I could say about Wilson debbie.

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01:19:30.870 --> 01:19:33.150

Yvonne Thompson: For the sake of trying to keep it brief.

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01:19:35.670 --> 01:19:39.360

Yvonne Thompson: We come with family that we do not choose.

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01:19:41.280 --> 01:19:50.160

Yvonne Thompson: But is such a wonderful delight, we can add to that family those that we choose and to choose us back.

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01:19:52.440 --> 01:19:56.340

Yvonne Thompson: And I love Wilson and debbie because.

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01:19:57.870 --> 01:20:02.640

Yvonne Thompson: They are family to me and I feel that I am family to their.

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01:20:03.810 --> 01:20:07.410

Yvonne Thompson: i've known them for the greatest part of my life.

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01:20:09.960 --> 01:20:23.460

Yvonne Thompson: we've had so many wonderful terms together and picking up on what Jennifer said, with the children's story I started eating children's because of Wilson and debbie and cannot stop.

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01:20:26.100 --> 01:20:34.020

Yvonne Thompson: and love having Christmas come around every year, when I can appreciate their wonderful children's.

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01:20:35.040 --> 01:20:43.980

Yvonne Thompson: To the very, very best couple that I know you show all of us what love, is how to love.

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01:20:45.000 --> 01:20:52.260

Yvonne Thompson: And I wish you many, many, many, many more wonderfully us together.

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01:20:53.550 --> 01:20:55.920

Carole Copeland Thomas: awesome Thank you so much, thank you.

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01:20:57.390 --> 01:21:13.650

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you, Diana, and I want to thank everybody for all the gold that you're wearing tonight in honor of our 50th anniversary celebrity couple Thank you so much for the scarves and the hats and everything Thank you Diana, can we can we get some sound.

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01:21:15.600 --> 01:21:16.170

Carole Copeland Thomas: No.

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01:21:17.280 --> 01:21:18.060

Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh, my.

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01:21:19.980 --> 01:21:25.530

Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay, maybe we can try back later want to thank everybody who's putting comments in the chat.

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01:21:26.640 --> 01:21:41.010

Carole Copeland Thomas: Joe haynes was not able to join us tonight at seven email he's had some technical difficulties, but he sends his best regards to all of you, and to you, Wilson and debbie for all those years that you've been on, so thank you very, very much.

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01:21:41.310 --> 01:21:41.640

Carole Copeland Thomas: we're gonna.

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01:21:42.420 --> 01:21:43.800

Michelle Thomas-Monteiro: Max out Diana scans the.

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01:21:43.800 --> 01:21:44.220

Michelle Thomas-Monteiro: colon.

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01:21:44.730 --> 01:21:49.290

Carole Copeland Thomas: yeah Diana, can you call in and Michelle or someone if you can put the.

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01:21:50.400 --> 01:21:56.430

Carole Copeland Thomas: telephone number again and the password back in the chat room that'll be great and then you can call in.

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01:21:57.510 --> 01:21:58.230

Carole Copeland Thomas: we're going to.

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01:21:58.710 --> 01:22:01.140

Carole Copeland Thomas: we're going to move on and sort of combine.

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01:22:01.440 --> 01:22:07.620

Carole Copeland Thomas: adults and the legal field and don't leave because we have a very, very, very special video.

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01:22:07.620 --> 01:22:08.040

Paul Mathis: triple.

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01:22:08.520 --> 01:22:17.220

Carole Copeland Thomas: That you all have to see because you're probably going to be in it so stick around we're winding down, but this is a lot of fun debbie did you have comments.

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01:22:17.880 --> 01:22:27.690

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: One more one thing because I just want everybody, we talked about this, can we talk about our friends in town with friends and there's a lot of stuff that's overlapping but.

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01:22:28.770 --> 01:22:46.320

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I want to give a real I see duncan's on and she's a childhood friend she Linda and over several I forgot what we call ourselves, but we were known Duncan forever David and Ruth of patience and who is Wilson, really, really good friends and.

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01:22:46.440 --> 01:22:47.640

Carole Copeland Thomas: bringing them on yes.

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01:22:48.300 --> 01:22:55.530

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: i've become a really good friend of mine also really enjoy enjoy sharing our.

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01:22:57.390 --> 01:22:59.100

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Our right our.

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01:23:00.180 --> 01:23:01.650

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Other lauren's God.

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01:23:02.850 --> 01:23:18.510

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: In laws which many was both of you know, Carmen and Jordan and i'm be denied by wills husband was a really good was like a childhood friend of me so she's joining us and i'm really glad he was able to run the world burn.

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01:23:20.970 --> 01:23:27.960

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Johnny Milton okay and buddy who Wilson calls buddy day to nettie I think was on here.

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01:23:31.920 --> 01:23:36.900

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Oh Ellis Ellis okay I didn't realize that you've got none hey how you doing.

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01:23:38.460 --> 01:23:38.850

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I said.

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01:23:40.170 --> 01:23:40.680

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Johnny.

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01:23:43.170 --> 01:23:57.120

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: You saw me off samia and well merrick and and marcia So these are all people that we've gotten to know, and I know i've missed somebody is trying to write and I have Laura oh Franklin and Veronica.

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01:23:57.630 --> 01:24:04.380

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Who are good friends of ours that we've gotten to know and i'm sure we'll have something to say because Veronica always have some.

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01:24:04.830 --> 01:24:06.840

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: About Copeland and.

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01:24:08.760 --> 01:24:27.840

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I had to I do have to say that Lynn I probably known my parents were friends of her family, before I was born so Lindsay has no Lynn thomas's know me absolutely forever and my father was there a position and my father delivering divine thompson's.

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01:24:31.980 --> 01:24:33.240

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: So anyway.

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01:24:34.710 --> 01:24:46.590

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Oh, let me read it yeah and our Father clinton's father and my father were if they didn't marry together at the CAFE House you know my roommate's okay well you.

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01:24:47.430 --> 01:25:00.420

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Know you're okay with your prospect, will make it the capital house, and so they had many stories to tell, most of them, we probably can't say because we've got to go here we just have decent people but.

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01:25:02.280 --> 01:25:16.470

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: But uh so everybody I say Johnny yes, I just want to thank all of you, and surely at Elliot but you heard from them, some of them, we did hear from So if you all want to jump in please do so.

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01:25:16.560 --> 01:25:17.820

Beth DunCombe Brown: I jumped in for one minute.

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01:25:18.330 --> 01:25:18.870

Yes.

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01:25:20.400 --> 01:25:20.550

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Oh.

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01:25:21.570 --> 01:25:21.900

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Oh.

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01:25:22.020 --> 01:25:30.690

Beth DunCombe Brown: I certainly knew debbie before I knew Wilson, and I knew debbie through Jennifer bell so hi Jennifer time I say I need to and we go back.

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01:25:31.800 --> 01:25:49.770

Beth DunCombe Brown: Before the fifth grade that I knew debbie but come to seventh grade debbie and I Wilson were in the same class and debbie fell in love or debbie Wilson fell in love with debbie from seventh grade and I used to think Oh, this is a joke does.

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01:25:50.130 --> 01:25:52.860

Beth DunCombe Brown: Wilson like big daddy's gonna pay attention to him.

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01:25:53.460 --> 01:25:58.470

Beth DunCombe Brown: And when they came back from fists, what do you

know debbie's in love with.

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01:25:58.500 --> 01:25:59.340

Wilson will.

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01:26:01.110 --> 01:26:08.610

Beth DunCombe Brown: I don't know what happened down there at FIS I do know that debbie or Wilson grew how many interested you grow.

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01:26:10.140 --> 01:26:11.310

diana : excited and happy you.

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01:26:11.340 --> 01:26:13.980

Beth DunCombe Brown: grew tall, and it was like a whole new.

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01:26:15.060 --> 01:26:24.060

Beth DunCombe Brown: And I do want to comment that the two of you have not only brought us a wonderful person and learn or 214 granddaughters but.

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01:26:24.090 --> 01:26:24.600

Beth DunCombe Brown: All these.

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01:26:24.690 --> 01:26:41.580

Beth DunCombe Brown: Wonderful people on this zoom call i'm just looking at it and people from all over the country people i've known from my whole life, all the way to my professional life, and I want to say hi to all of them, including Paul I didn't get your message.

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01:26:42.930 --> 01:26:46.560

Beth DunCombe Brown: But this is wonderful, and congratulations to both of you.

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01:26:47.160 --> 01:26:47.940

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you.

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01:26:49.260 --> 01:26:54.660

Carole Copeland Thomas: So beth you're talking from durfee high school dirt dirt durfee durfee high school.

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01:26:54.750 --> 01:26:59.970

Beth DunCombe Brown: I knew debbie before we went to durfee though debbie outside of school.

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01:27:00.300 --> 01:27:02.010

Carole Copeland Thomas: Try but the school.

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01:27:02.700 --> 01:27:04.650

Carole Copeland Thomas: durfee and then send them as.

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01:27:06.000 --> 01:27:09.300

Beth DunCombe Brown: We started to seventh grade together and.

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01:27:11.400 --> 01:27:15.300

Beth DunCombe Brown: We went I went to central through the ninth grade, and then I went to cast.

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01:27:16.590 --> 01:27:24.660

Beth DunCombe Brown: And then I did not join them and I went to university Michigan but debbie and I that's another story, we said go up there you remember debbie.

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01:27:24.990 --> 01:27:28.260

Beth DunCombe Brown: yeah and then just hang I drive up.

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01:27:28.290 --> 01:27:28.590

there.

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01:27:29.820 --> 01:27:30.420

Beth DunCombe Brown: yeah.

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01:27:30.930 --> 01:27:37.410

Carole Copeland Thomas: that's great Thank you beth Thank you all right, thank you much Diana any luck with the sound.

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01:27:38.820 --> 01:27:40.320

diana : i'm turning up I don't know when.

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01:27:40.530 --> 01:27:42.780

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: you're good yeah we can hear you.

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01:27:43.020 --> 01:27:44.040

Carole Copeland Thomas: Yes, we can hear you.

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01:27:45.210 --> 01:27:45.540

Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh.

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01:27:46.770 --> 01:28:00.270

diana : I don't have stories, because then be too long, but I just want to let you know that these are two of the people that I love more than anybody, and the fact that they have been introduced me to so many wonderful people.

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01:28:01.710 --> 01:28:11.580

diana : i'm just grateful to them, and sometimes I don't know whether the condom David Wilson Wilson debbie but they kind of go together it's like peas and carrots, you know, and I think.

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01:28:12.570 --> 01:28:26.370

diana : debbie did tell me one time, I asked her I said what's the secret, how is it that you two have managed to stay together for so long, and she said, you know what what keeps us keeps this going is the fact that we are friends.

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01:28:27.450 --> 01:28:37.200

diana : And you know lovers are great but friends or, even better, and I think that's The thing that has been holding the two of them, and all of us together is that we're all friends.

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01:28:37.560 --> 01:28:44.940

diana : So I just want to say thank you for including me I have enjoyed this this has really been a trip down memory lane and I love you both.

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01:28:45.810 --> 01:28:46.770

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you, Diana.

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01:28:47.010 --> 01:28:47.940

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Thank you, I am.

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01:28:48.390 --> 01:28:49.020

Carole Copeland Thomas: awesome.

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01:28:49.110 --> 01:29:07.020

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: awesome one more mentioned cheryl Bradley was who always from day one sends us an anniversary card, so we got her card with a little something inside of it, which is over, but she always remembers our anniversary.

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01:29:07.230 --> 01:29:16.800

Carole Copeland Thomas: that's great she she was on earlier she had another engagement to go to which she was definitely on at the beginning, great Thank you bill, like to make a few comments.

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01:29:25.080 --> 01:29:25.260

Oh.

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01:29:27.540 --> 01:29:28.230

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Well i'm you.

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01:29:28.620 --> 01:29:29.430

Carole Copeland Thomas: Know you're on mute.

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01:29:32.370 --> 01:29:33.900

Bill Sherron: Am I still on mute can you hear me.

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01:29:34.050 --> 01:29:35.130

Carole Copeland Thomas: Now yeah you're good.

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01:29:36.120 --> 01:29:37.290

Bill Sherron: I just wanted to.

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01:29:40.560 --> 01:29:47.160

Bill Sherron: Say congratulations to to the both of them, you know it's not surprising, so I spent a lot of time with Wilson.

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01:29:48.480 --> 01:29:49.410

Bill Sherron: At the.

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01:29:50.550 --> 01:29:52.470

Bill Sherron: guardsmen meetings and.

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01:29:53.850 --> 01:29:56.730

Bill Sherron: we're in blade together Kappa brothers.

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01:29:59.010 --> 01:30:08.610

Bill Sherron: And you know, was it always has a great story, and you know he's always, the one that kind of lead the crowd when i'm out and about.

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01:30:09.900 --> 01:30:20.220

Bill Sherron: But you know it's really you know when you think about 50 years in spending so much time of Wilson it's probably.

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01:30:23.100 --> 01:30:26.400

Bill Sherron: gabby in her perfect balance of aristotle's.

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01:30:28.050 --> 01:30:50.040

Bill Sherron: virtues that has really made this happen, you know, and the more that you said not not to take anything away from Wilson, you know what can you can't take anything away from a cap of brother, but you know 50 years it takes patience and in wit and.

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01:30:52.830 --> 01:30:57.330

Bill Sherron: And that's debbie you know she she's she's she's always.

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01:30:59.190 --> 01:31:13.260

Bill Sherron: Just quite the the lady whenever i'm in her presence and me and Wilson, we do our thing but uh but you know just just you know and it's very similar to what one of.

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01:31:14.370 --> 01:31:21.840

Bill Sherron: wilson's brothers just just mentioned about just the balance of the relationship and how he gave.

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01:31:22.320 --> 01:31:40.200

Bill Sherron: tipped his hat up to his wife and i'm sorry I can't remember the gentleman's name but, but you can see that perfect

balance in that relationship and congratulations on on 50 years in a toaster Wilson and debbie and may you have many, many happy years together.

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01:31:41.100 --> 01:31:42.000

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you bill.

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01:31:44.820 --> 01:32:07.320

Carole Copeland Thomas: All right, thank you so much all right we're going to round it up and have a couple of more tributes and then have a wonderful video tribute, so I want to bring up Dave christiansen and his lovely wife Ruth for their comments Dave let me find you so I can spotlight you.

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01:32:07.740 --> 01:32:08.820

david & ruth christensen: Okay, here I am.

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01:32:10.770 --> 01:32:15.030

david & ruth christensen: again begin by thanking Carol for organizing this.

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01:32:16.170 --> 01:32:16.680

david & ruth christensen: and

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01:32:18.150 --> 01:32:25.500

david & ruth christensen: One of the reoccurring topics has been do we say Wilson and debbie or debbie and when.

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01:32:27.870 --> 01:32:33.900

david & ruth christensen: I say debbie in Wilson because debbie opens the door.

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01:32:35.220 --> 01:32:37.410

david & ruth christensen: she's the one that decides whether that.

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01:32:38.160 --> 01:32:39.480

david & ruth christensen: You get to walk inside.

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01:32:40.680 --> 01:32:41.160

diana : Right.

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01:32:41.700 --> 01:32:51.420

david & ruth christensen: and whoever said, the consumer coast post this debbie is so gracious I think she's pretty much always let me.

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01:32:54.750 --> 01:33:00.390

david & ruth christensen: i'm kind of an upstart in this crowd i've only known Wilson about 40 years.

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01:33:01.530 --> 01:33:03.240

david & ruth christensen: And it was through the law that we met.

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01:33:04.650 --> 01:33:07.380

david & ruth christensen: And we did opposite sides of.

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01:33:08.580 --> 01:33:10.350

david & ruth christensen: plaintiff Defense work.

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01:33:11.550 --> 01:33:19.620

david & ruth christensen: And our friendship permitted us to exchange ideas and think, from a different perspective.

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01:33:22.290 --> 01:33:24.000

david & ruth christensen: We never worked against each other.

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01:33:25.200 --> 01:33:25.650

david & ruth christensen: cuz.

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01:33:29.400 --> 01:33:30.600

david & ruth christensen: Some years where.

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01:33:31.740 --> 01:33:34.170

david & ruth christensen: When we open up a bottle of jack Daniels.

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01:33:35.670 --> 01:33:37.230

david & ruth christensen: Through the coach Kirk away.

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01:33:38.520 --> 01:33:47.850

david & ruth christensen: So we were we were confident in our friendship confident in that the fact that we could exchange ideas and.

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01:33:49.260 --> 01:33:49.710  
and

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01:33:50.970 --> 01:33:53.970  
david & ruth christensen: it's been it's been a hell of a ride.

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01:33:55.200 --> 01:33:59.280  
david & ruth christensen: One of the privileges of my life is in friends with.

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01:34:00.300 --> 01:34:01.380  
david & ruth christensen: Wilson debbie.

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01:34:03.270 --> 01:34:04.260  
david & ruth christensen: debbie and Wilson.

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01:34:09.060 --> 01:34:09.720  
Carole Copeland Thomas: that's awesome.

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01:34:10.290 --> 01:34:13.650  
david & ruth christensen: you're watching them truly watching them enjoy.

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01:34:16.410 --> 01:34:17.610  
david & ruth christensen: In their grandchildren.

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01:34:19.170 --> 01:34:23.130  
david & ruth christensen: In their son in law, who is he loves to give a kiss to.

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01:34:26.880 --> 01:34:29.070  
david & ruth christensen: Thank you so much for letting me participate.

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01:34:29.160 --> 01:34:40.350

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you, David Thank you Thank you so much all right i'm going to ask rhonda welburn if she could just make a couple of quick comments, let me.

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01:34:42.360 --> 01:34:46.650

Carole Copeland Thomas: bring you up and add you rhonda.

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01:34:47.730 --> 01:34:56.100

Carole Copeland Thomas: rhonda can you just say some oh here you go Okay, I found you all right great rhonda and then Veronica and Franklin big and you'll be up next.

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01:34:58.470 --> 01:35:06.330

Rhonda Welburn: hi debbie and listen I pretty much echo everything that other people that said today, you guys have been very, very.

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01:35:07.380 --> 01:35:10.530

Rhonda Welburn: friends to me for over 40 plus years.

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01:35:12.180 --> 01:35:22.350

Rhonda Welburn: You know we've lived down the street from each other debbie and I are kind of running buddies we we call each other up when when there are special events happening and.

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01:35:23.730 --> 01:35:33.330

Rhonda Welburn: You know it's just nice to to have somebody who has who that you can always depend on and know that they've got your back.

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01:35:34.500 --> 01:35:39.840

Rhonda Welburn: debbie and Wilson is is everyone has commented, are the ultimate hostesses.

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01:35:40.920 --> 01:35:53.250

Rhonda Welburn: They have always been available when I needed them for whatever the occasion was, I can tell you that it's been a pleasure to watch lauren grow up.

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01:35:54.990 --> 01:35:57.090

Rhonda Welburn: I have two children and.

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01:35:58.110 --> 01:36:03.120

Rhonda Welburn: You know they because we live so close together they.

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01:36:04.590 --> 01:36:07.740

Rhonda Welburn: Did this day are very, very close friends.

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01:36:08.880 --> 01:36:19.620

Rhonda Welburn: So I just want to say, congratulations to the two of you you've been an inspiration to to me to a lot of people your friendship, has been very, very special and.

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01:36:20.760 --> 01:36:21.690

Rhonda Welburn: happy anniversary.

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01:36:22.530 --> 01:36:23.550

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Thank you rhonda.

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01:36:23.880 --> 01:36:27.600

Carole Copeland Thomas: awesome Thank you so much alrighty.

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01:36:28.530 --> 01:36:30.360

Carole Copeland Thomas: Franklin and Veronica.

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01:36:35.220 --> 01:36:37.290

Franklin Biggins: saying there you go, can you hear me now.

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01:36:37.530 --> 01:36:43.410

Franklin Biggins: Yes, I went to a golf tournament about 10 years ago, or so.

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01:36:44.490 --> 01:36:57.030

Franklin Biggins: And I met this gentleman at the bar one evening, and when we started talking about places we had gone and things that we had done and Mr if we had gotten into an essay This must be a brother of mine.

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01:36:58.290 --> 01:37:04.320

Franklin Biggins: And I suggested why don't you come down to Florida and visit one day, and we can play golf together.

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01:37:05.220 --> 01:37:18.840

Franklin Biggins: And, of course, will since it's fine and we both told our wives and I don't know if debit card Veronica Veronica called me and said, who, and you know what is this this you're bringing to your House and why are you inviting my husband.

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01:37:20.190 --> 01:37:30.180

Franklin Biggins: And after our wives had in conversation they realized that we were lost souls, but they would they would save us all and that's how we got to be very good friends.

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01:37:32.400 --> 01:37:44.820

Veronica Biggins: I could add to that I prank on I think it's been much longer than 10 years I don't remember the exact date, but I think it as one of the things that I want to say I feel yeah it's interesting how people come together and you know.

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01:37:44.820 --> 01:37:55.530

Veronica Biggins: they're meant to be together, and I think the common denominator that i've heard through that the thread that is this entire conversation this this celebration this evening.

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01:37:56.340 --> 01:38:07.710

Veronica Biggins: But will debbie and Wilson have enriched our lives, and I do sincerely mean that there are times when maybe Wilson gets on the edge of the enrichment side.

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01:38:09.270 --> 01:38:10.560

Veronica Biggins: beams himself.

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01:38:10.860 --> 01:38:13.830

Veronica Biggins: With the prayers that he does, for his church about once.

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01:38:15.000 --> 01:38:19.050

Veronica Biggins: Every quite every month, but just about that are just so deep and fabulous.

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01:38:19.290 --> 01:38:33.030

Veronica Biggins: That he pulls back and you remember, just how valuable he is each and every one of us and debbie she's just kind of

the the soul of this whole process so Wilson debbie congratulations.

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01:38:33.450 --> 01:38:35.280

Franklin Biggins: And let me add one other comment which.

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01:38:35.370 --> 01:38:51.030

Franklin Biggins: relates to the first time that they came to visit us Wilson came and knocked on the door and I opened the door he saw my wife and the first thing Wilson said, if I say, are doing it thing which upsets you please let me know cuz I want to come back.

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01:38:53.880 --> 01:38:57.150

Veronica Biggins: he's invited anytime you come first, though.

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01:39:00.570 --> 01:39:13.500

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you Veronica Thank you Franklin right Thank you much all right, well, we have debbie anyone else that you want to recognize before we move into the video tribute.

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01:39:14.760 --> 01:39:20.610

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: No i'm hoping I didn't miss anybody I if I did, I still love you and it's just.

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01:39:22.410 --> 01:39:29.010

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: My bad manners i'm not as wonderful as everybody thinks I am and I know some people left because it see well.

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01:39:31.230 --> 01:39:31.740

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: yeah.

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01:39:32.010 --> 01:39:33.840

Carole Copeland Thomas: Most people have a tough.

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01:39:34.050 --> 01:39:40.320

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Question reader because we thought about their data candidate, my father, so the.

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01:39:41.250 --> 01:39:41.970

Carole Copeland Thomas: Clinton and.

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01:39:42.090 --> 01:39:44.730

Carole Copeland Thomas: Real quickly Clinton and in Rita.

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01:39:46.080 --> 01:39:47.190

Carole Copeland Thomas: love to have you to give some.

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01:39:47.190 --> 01:39:47.850

comments.

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01:39:50.760 --> 01:39:52.350

Carole Copeland Thomas: You can take yourself off mute.

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01:39:55.530 --> 01:40:07.800

Carole Copeland Thomas: Read every Rita who may takes super pictures with her phone superb so some of the pictures that you're going to see it's just a combination of getting them from several sources, including Rita Kennedy.

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01:40:09.420 --> 01:40:12.540

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: And then I can't imagine American have something to say.

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01:40:15.600 --> 01:40:16.410

Carole Copeland Thomas: All right, Mary.

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01:40:20.220 --> 01:40:27.840

Merrick Malone: Let me say this first of all I want to congratulate both of you um and and and to thank you.

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01:40:28.950 --> 01:40:32.310

Merrick Malone: I didn't realize it walking into Carson one day we changed my life.

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01:40:34.560 --> 01:40:36.000

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I walked into Carson.

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01:40:36.480 --> 01:40:41.280

Merrick Malone: I met Wilson, and I didn't think it could get any better than that, and then I met bits.

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01:40:41.760 --> 01:40:50.100

Merrick Malone: And he used to talk about fixes fits his mother, he called the Duchess well she's the Duchess I see her is that she has been wonderful.

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01:40:50.730 --> 01:41:01.170

Merrick Malone: watching lauren grow up and then the thing fits for naming my daughter, who would be on this call, with the exception of she's got to round two bunches boys.

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01:41:01.500 --> 01:41:18.780

Merrick Malone: See she's trying to get the bed, but I want to really Thank you all for this tapestry, because you at the epicenter of this tapestry brought all this together, and when I look on this call, and I see so many people who i've interacted with because of YouTube it's just it warms my heart.

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01:41:19.200 --> 01:41:22.680

Merrick Malone: The only other thing I would say, the only time where I followed you.

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01:41:23.250 --> 01:41:33.120

Merrick Malone: And I shouldn't have done that was we went to shanty creep and I got snowed in with a bunch of African Americans, the bus broke down trying to get out.

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01:41:33.600 --> 01:41:42.030

Merrick Malone: We had to stay in a in a big boys and they have so many black folks in there, they thought they were making a Tarzan movie and if you call.

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01:41:42.540 --> 01:41:52.170

Merrick Malone: You call that's what Paul and I we all took all that whiskey up there and they said, why are you taking all that whiskey well when we got snowed in everybody wanted to drink.

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01:41:54.000 --> 01:41:57.180

Merrick Malone: i've had so much fun with you all and I can't tell you how.

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01:41:57.210 --> 01:41:57.750

Merrick Malone: Much I love.

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01:41:58.770 --> 01:42:00.870

Merrick Malone: I cannot tell you how much I love you guys.

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01:42:00.930 --> 01:42:05.700

Merrick Malone: I really it there, I don't have the words for it, so thank you and congratulations.

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01:42:06.090 --> 01:42:06.990

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Thank you, Mary.

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01:42:07.650 --> 01:42:16.770

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you much all right, thank you well sit back enjoy you're probably going to see yourself, either from today.

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01:42:17.160 --> 01:42:27.900

Carole Copeland Thomas: or from the 70s, or earlier, we have a wonderful slide presentation that's going to move quickly it's going to move very, very quickly it's not going to take that long the music is fast pace.

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01:42:28.290 --> 01:42:46.980

Carole Copeland Thomas: But we want to pay tribute to Wilson and debbie and the 50 years that they have been together in love in friendship and beyond so stay tuned, let me just get my screen taken care of and we will begin the video tribute to Wilson and debbie.

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01:42:49.710 --> 01:42:50.850

Carole Copeland Thomas: Go back here.

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01:50:42.360 --> 01:50:50.550

Carole Copeland Thomas: And there you have it 50 years of beat from 1971 to 2001.

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01:50:51.570 --> 01:51:00.510

Carole Copeland Thomas: And and debbie Copeland give it up, yes, all right awesome awesome awesome.

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01:51:00.900 --> 01:51:02.160  
Carole Copeland Thomas: i'd love to bring.

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01:51:02.550 --> 01:51:12.270  
Carole Copeland Thomas: George and Carmen on and have them to give some remarks as we begin to wind down this program Carmen and George and the md.

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01:51:19.050 --> 01:51:20.100  
Carole Copeland Thomas: Yes, uh huh.

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01:51:20.580 --> 01:51:28.020  
Carmen and George N'Namdi: I think there's I thought there was nothing better than friendship with gabby and Wilson.

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01:51:29.160 --> 01:51:31.470  
Carmen and George N'Namdi: And then I found out there's something better.

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01:51:32.520 --> 01:51:34.680  
Carmen and George N'Namdi: You can have a son that marries morn.

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01:51:36.690 --> 01:51:41.400  
Carmen and George N'Namdi: And you can have two kids that are now part of that family.

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01:51:42.540 --> 01:51:53.070  
Carmen and George N'Namdi: We love them so much I can't even tell you I loved everything, the first time, and then I just thought, this is the nicest person in the world, I knew Wilson was nuts, but also like.

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01:51:55.350 --> 01:52:03.210  
Carmen and George N'Namdi: So i'm so glad that to be here and with all of you and to see the pictures and it's just.

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01:52:04.290 --> 01:52:23.250  
Carmen and George N'Namdi: It just feels so good, it feels so good, and I love all their friends, I mean this this doesn't get any better than this so congratulations on being able to be married 15 years to make so many people so happy and to give us some great granted.

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01:52:25.050 --> 01:52:43.290

Carmen and George N'Namdi: I like to say that was a Wilson, and I may probably more Wilson and myself, but we coined the term we're now co grandparents were not in laws we're cool grandparents so that's our that's our new term for us.

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01:52:45.240 --> 01:52:46.740

Carole Copeland Thomas: love it just love it.

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01:52:48.180 --> 01:53:03.600

Carole Copeland Thomas: Carmen and George the Andy awesome wonderful Thank you so much we're going to bring the daughter and son in law or son and daughter in law on to give some comments lauren and.

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01:53:06.030 --> 01:53:09.090

Carole Copeland Thomas: jimani and the talkie shola.

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01:53:13.050 --> 01:53:15.150

NNamdi Lauren: I good evening everyone.

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01:53:16.740 --> 01:53:20.820

NNamdi Lauren: Beautiful new words in tributes to my parents.

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01:53:22.800 --> 01:53:23.430

NNamdi Lauren: means.

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01:53:25.140 --> 01:53:38.910

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: So i'm i'm just you know just delighted to La brought me in this world, you know, and you brought me to meet all these wonderful people that I met before I was born and after and.

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01:53:40.050 --> 01:53:50.610

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: test to it to friendship and all the memories and made my life amazing and continue to do so, and my kids are.

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01:53:52.050 --> 01:53:57.510

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: lucky to have you all his grandparents grandparents and my father was.

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01:53:58.830 --> 01:54:06.900

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Just this is a beautiful evening and I love all the stories and some i've heard before and somebody new and I want to.

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01:54:07.350 --> 01:54:18.390

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: dig a little deeper into some of those So when I see you on my ass a few more questions about two things, but it was a wonderful evening so they got care of putting everything together, and thank you all for.

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01:54:22.110 --> 01:54:23.280

Carole Copeland Thomas: awesome awesome.

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01:54:24.570 --> 01:54:26.640

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you jimani.

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01:54:29.580 --> 01:54:30.900

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: working right now.

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01:54:31.140 --> 01:54:31.560

Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay.

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01:54:31.770 --> 01:54:33.720

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: hey but you saw the affection, he has.

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01:54:39.600 --> 01:54:41.700

Carole Copeland Thomas: OK, Michelle.

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01:54:44.880 --> 01:54:54.420

Michelle Thomas-Monteiro: Thank you all for coming to my uncle Wilson 50th anniversary party enjoy the rest of the evening and have a blessed 2020 New Year God bless you God be the glory.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: All right, thank you, Michelle Thank you and

lauren and the crew.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Let me spotlight you.

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01:55:08.160 --> 01:55:13.830

Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh that's right spark a son there we go all right, my older daughter.

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01:55:14.730 --> 01:55:15.090

Yes.

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01:55:16.260 --> 01:55:20.490

Farquharson Family: Good evening once again i'm fine trying to hold back the tears after seeing.

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01:55:20.790 --> 01:55:31.110

Farquharson Family: The the slide show money, those were boy that was quite a quite a trip down memory lane and so many ways, but so glad again to be able to celebrate your 50th wedding anniversary i'm.

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01:55:31.440 --> 01:55:43.440

Farquharson Family: On debbie Michael Wilson again you just are you are admired your loved your respected so well from all of the persons who have have shared Their stories, whether it be in the chat or even while speaking here, we heard.

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Farquharson Family: from several individuals who share their stories on childhood memories from Linda Amir Jennifer Darrell and then from schoolmates.

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Farquharson Family: jake Sharon and Paul and beth and then your bridal party, you heard from Charles Jennifer sharing and Susan.

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Farquharson Family: And then, from your clubs sororities and fraternities we heard from Elliot shirley l Dora Yvonne diane bill Sharon Dave rhonda Franklin merrick and then, of course.

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01:56:07.740 --> 01:56:17.550

Farquharson Family: church members and and and close relationships there from miss phyllis and also want to give a shout out to the three couples that are celebrating I have celebrated 50 years or more.

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01:56:17.970 --> 01:56:27.480

Farquharson Family: To Susan and Clinton King and the smoke family and the brigands family, so this wonderful celebration with family and friends and so many ways, and feel so honored to be a part of it.

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01:56:27.720 --> 01:56:35.340

Farquharson Family: i'm here with my family here's gabrielle Jerome and Giuliana is doing reading something always reading, but, if I may just want to share with you a.

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01:56:35.820 --> 01:56:45.180

Farquharson Family: poem I came across that I think clearly articulate the honor of this moment, and it reads it started with a simple ring you became husband and wife.

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Farquharson Family: You progressed to being parents and you're still best friends for life you've traveled through life together enjoying years of wedded bliss We congratulate you on reaching the golden and we toast your happiness congratulations 50 years and 50 more we love you so much.

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01:57:05.400 --> 01:57:06.990

Carole Copeland Thomas: blessings host love it.

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01:57:07.680 --> 01:57:08.250

awesome.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: well.

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01:57:13.260 --> 01:57:23.910

Carole Copeland Thomas: I just am super excited that all of you have taken time out of your busy schedules during the holiday season, to go back through memory lane.

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01:57:24.420 --> 01:57:37.320

Carole Copeland Thomas: and talk about the incidences and the stories that are still happening today it's been my honor to be your MC for this program we did it last year for the 49th had to do with this year for the.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And from the bottom of my heart, I just want to say how much I love my brother.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I love my sister in law, I love my niece my nephew my great nieces and all who are here tonight we just the stories are just endless.

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01:57:59.190 --> 01:58:10.260

Carole Copeland Thomas: The good times the bad times and I guess the one thing that that I can say about my brother yeah I mean we used to fight as kids and do all that stuff and act silly.

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01:58:11.040 --> 01:58:16.410

Carole Copeland Thomas: But when my son died suddenly in 1997.

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01:58:17.760 --> 01:58:24.870

Carole Copeland Thomas: One of the first persons that dropped everything and got an airplane ticket to be.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: at our side, not just my side, but my daughter's my former husband etc was my brother and my sister in law there too.

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01:58:35.040 --> 01:58:44.520

Carole Copeland Thomas: And that's what we are that's who we are, as family members, and so I don't want to be sad about it, but I just want to say that's the kind of friendship and love.

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01:58:44.970 --> 01:58:55.020

Carole Copeland Thomas: That they embody with each other as husband and wife and certainly with us as family members extended family members as well, so.

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01:58:55.590 --> 01:59:04.770

Carole Copeland Thomas: From my house to yours never toast and then we're going to hear from the wonderful couple love you much Thank you so much Wilson and debbie.

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01:59:05.280 --> 01:59:05.880

cheers.

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01:59:08.340 --> 01:59:09.180

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I am.

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01:59:11.820 --> 01:59:23.430

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: First of all, I want to thank you Carol and your crew for setting this up again, I appreciate the affection that drove it.

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01:59:24.870 --> 01:59:27.240

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: And, at the risk of being redundant.

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01:59:28.320 --> 01:59:38.250

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I want you to once again accept my thanks for letting me be the Center of a party that didn't cost me any money so.

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01:59:39.390 --> 01:59:40.560

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Thank you very much.

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01:59:41.700 --> 01:59:52.110

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: And, in all seriousness, there was mentioned, made a few times during the course of this evening on the prayers that I do for our church.

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01:59:53.220 --> 01:59:57.690

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Some of the people who are on this program tonight are recipients of those prayers.

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01:59:58.740 --> 02:00:00.060

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I today.

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02:00:01.500 --> 02:00:16.980

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Was the prayer leader at the church and even the people who receive these writings never hear me give them because we do it 630 in the morning but, with your permission, I would like to read the one that I gave this morning.

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02:00:17.670 --> 02:00:18.360

Absolutely.

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02:00:19.980 --> 02:00:24.360

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: It was entitled today, I offer only words of banks.

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02:00:26.190 --> 02:00:29.940

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I church has a prayer every morning at 630.

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02:00:31.410 --> 02:00:43.080

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: it's the prayer leaders are the ministers stewards and trustees as a trustee I have to give the prayer out once a month, this is what I gave this morning.

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02:00:44.070 --> 02:01:01.590

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Good morning, Lord today is Wednesday December 29 2021 a special day that is capped off by the fact that this trustee of St Paul me church in Detroit as the privilege of serving as the voice of your great churches prayer life.

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Wilson & Debbie Copeland: As all of your days I special gifts, this one is for me a bit more so, and as such I will only offered thanks asking for nothing.

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02:01:17.220 --> 02:01:20.790

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: You have done so much for me and those I love.

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02:01:21.930 --> 02:01:43.680

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: As always, I begin my prayer with things for your continued protection of my family for their good health and he continued grace that you provide not only to my wife and to me here in Detroit but to our daughter son in law and grandchildren in Florida.

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02:01:44.760 --> 02:01:50.640

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: And to my sister Carol and her kids and grandkids in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

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02:01:51.930 --> 02:02:16.350

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I thank you for providing comfort and peace to my St Paul family to those facing health challenges and particularly for the comfort peace and grace you provide those adjusting to or facing or their first time a holiday season, with the pain of that empty chair.

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02:02:17.910 --> 02:02:30.300

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I thank you for the continuing healing going on in our church building the churches by because we have a pastor with a five staff, but as I must be patiently.

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02:02:30.840 --> 02:02:42.900

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: gently remind our wonderful members, yes, the Church is fine, but the church building you'll start off by many as new St Paul is approaching 70 years of age.

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02:02:44.040 --> 02:02:48.450

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: And some healing which some people call repair work is needed.

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02:02:49.560 --> 02:03:00.960

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: But today, Lord, with the hope that this will not sound selfish or self centered I offer special prayers for being given the gift of Deborah Copeland.

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02:03:02.220 --> 02:03:07.890

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I thank you because he has remained in my eyes pretty.

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02:03:08.910 --> 02:03:11.610

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I thank you because she has remained.

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02:03:12.630 --> 02:03:15.930

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: blender blender she was when I first met her.

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02:03:17.340 --> 02:03:24.480

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I thank you for the fact that she has not been crew and reminding me that the same is not true about me.

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02:03:26.850 --> 02:03:36.570

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I thank you because she presented me with the gift of a daughter named Lauren I thank you for the poise with which she imbued I daughter.

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02:03:37.800 --> 02:03:38.340

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: and

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02:03:39.510 --> 02:03:45.750

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: For the way she raised her and for the way our daughter, and her husband now raised their daughters.

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02:03:46.830 --> 02:03:58.890

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I thank you for the way she passionately and without a paragraph or a sentence or a word or a sigh or a side of complaint.

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02:03:59.580 --> 02:04:16.560

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: took care of not only her mother, but my mother, as their health Wayne and it became necessary for them to move in with us, as you began their decline that ultimately led to their company to their coming home to be with you.

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02:04:17.730 --> 02:04:21.600

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I thank you for her spirit of adventure that enables her.

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02:04:22.710 --> 02:04:34.830

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: to enjoy dining in tiny restaurants in the French countryside or in scuba diving with me and pays 100 feet underwater in the Caribbean sea.

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02:04:35.820 --> 02:04:52.800

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I thank you for the fact that she was there to cheerfully help me carrying a stream and champagne for the staff at the cause cancer Center on the day I rang the bell signaling my final

radiation treatment.

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02:04:54.090 --> 02:04:56.940

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: And I thank you for the fact that she still makes me laugh.

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02:04:58.470 --> 02:05:14.730

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I thank you for her presence, not just during the good times and there have been a lot of them, but good times or easy More importantly, I thank you for her presence and positivity during the times of challenge those instances.

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02:05:15.840 --> 02:05:20.700

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Where those bad times, where is real and impactful as the good time.

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02:05:22.200 --> 02:05:45.930

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: I thank you for her patience with me and, finally, I thank you for scheduling this prayer line so that I get to tell her my family my church family our friends and those who will later read or hear this prayer how much I love and appreciate the gift of Deborah Copeland.

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02:05:47.340 --> 02:05:55.260

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Spending this day this very special day as the 29th of December marks our 50th wedding anniversary.

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Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Certainly reason to offer prayer comprised only affects I hope that those of you who understand my joy will join me and say, a man.

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02:06:10.140 --> 02:06:23.400

Carole Copeland Thomas: A man, a man, a man that was absolutely beautiful Thank you Wilson Thank you debbie Thank you lauren Thank you jimani.

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02:06:24.150 --> 02:06:40.830

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you show London tacky Thank you Michelle Thank you lauren Thank you Jerome Thank you Giuliana and gabby and all who are here today now Elliot hall has his hand up Elliot would you like to bring closing remarks Is that why your hand is up.

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02:06:45.930 --> 02:06:46.410

Carole Copeland Thomas: Elliot.

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02:06:47.880 --> 02:06:50.490

Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh you're you're on mute let's take you off mute.

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02:06:53.310 --> 02:06:59.820

Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh hang on Elliot hang on, you have to get you off mute for us to take yourself off mute okay.

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02:06:59.850 --> 02:07:01.260

Elliott Hall: Am I am I off now.

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02:07:01.470 --> 02:07:02.790

Carole Copeland Thomas: Yes, you're off great.

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Elliott Hall: Well, no, I just raised, my hand to.

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02:07:06.570 --> 02:07:17.250

Elliott Hall: in accord with wilson's prayer amen amen amen to the Union of the two of them, but, but particularly what he.

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02:07:18.900 --> 02:07:20.190

Elliott Hall: said about his do way.

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02:07:22.170 --> 02:07:33.120

Carole Copeland Thomas: amen awesome well on that note debbie closing remarks Wilson closing remarks wilson's prayer certainly close us out debbie.

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02:07:34.080 --> 02:07:41.940

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: thank everybody for being here tonight really appreciate you bringing people together some of you haven't seen each other for a while and I think.

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02:07:42.810 --> 02:07:55.170

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: It said something about now he sees people that he's heard about, but if not met, so thank you all for joining us and celebrating our 50th I didn't have to.

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02:08:02.010 --> 02:08:17.970

Carole Copeland Thomas: that's great Thank you all so much i'm going to just open it up and you all can take yourself off mute fellowship and just in the evening on a high note Thank you all Happy New Year to everybody.

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02:08:18.420 --> 02:08:19.530

Carole Copeland Thomas: and happy anniversary.

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02:08:26.550 --> 02:08:28.590

henry johnson: me anniversary Happy New Year.

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02:08:29.460 --> 02:08:29.730

happy.

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02:08:31.860 --> 02:08:32.400

Carole Copeland Thomas: awesome.

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02:08:33.660 --> 02:08:34.620

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: All of you.

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02:08:35.160 --> 02:08:35.910

Wilson & Debbie Copeland: Wanting to.

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02:08:36.330 --> 02:08:37.350

Ed Welburn: Yes, yes.

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02:08:38.850 --> 02:08:43.950

Carole Copeland Thomas: that's great Thank you all take care, have a great evening.

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02:08:45.630 --> 02:08:46.440

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you all.

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02:08:52.170 --> 02:08:53.580

Carole Copeland Thomas: Right cheers.

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02:08:59.490 --> 02:09:01.350

Carole Copeland Thomas: All right, bye bye everybody.

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02:09:06.120 --> 02:09:06.900

Carole Copeland Thomas: Take care.