

A Lasting Love

Paul and Doris Sutton celebrate 70 years together

Physicist Paul M. Sutton wrote two love songs for Doris Nichols, his girl back home, while stationed on the USS Wharton, during the Bikini Bomb Tests in the summer of 1946. Between testing Atom Bombs 4 and 5, Paul composed his music on an old piano in the wardroom of the ship. After their wedding on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, 1946, the songs were put in a file cabinet and forgotten. Found and published 62 years later, the songs "Just A Dream Away" and "Just Say Forever," capture the romance of the 1940s, and are a testament to Paul and Doris' everlasting love.

"Just Say Forever" was played during the renewal of their wedding vows on his 95th birthday, Dec. 3, 2016 at their home in La Jolla. The movie "An Affair to Remember" (1957) with Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr, came out 11 years after Paul proposed to Doris at the top of the Empire State Building in 1946. Doris said, "maybe," which is why Paul's love song to her is so poignant. She did finally say "Forever," and they have been married 70 years.

At their anniversary/birthday party, "The Voice of La Jolla" and La Jolla Meals on Wheels president Ron Jones, officiated. He became acquainted with the Suttons when they began to receive meals and home visits. With their delightful personalities, they soon became favorite friends with all the volunteers. — (Daughter) Valerie Sutton



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Paul and Doris met at a dance at the Officer's Club at Delmonico's Restaurant in 1945 in New York. Paul was a Naval Officer in World War II, and Doris was a model for the Harry Conover Agency. Dancing the Samba and discussing religion led to 70 years of marital bliss!



Doris Sutton, 94, and Paul Sutton, 96

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Just Say Forever

(Music and Lyrics by Paul M. Sutton, 1946)

I love you,
Yes, it's true,
Darling, I really care.
You're for me. That's all I see.
I'll love you, no matter where. I love you.
Oh, do you
Think you could care for me? Please don't
say never.
Just say forever.
I am yours and ever will be.
Perfect girl. Miracle,
You are so beautiful. Lovely smile, All the
while elegant, wonderful.
Best of all
You're such a doll

Could you, would you bless me? Please
don't say never
Just say forever
I am yours and ever will be.
Darling, we're a lucky pair.
It's a dream beyond compare. Romance so
wonderful and new. Why not try? You and
I?
We'll make our world ever true!
I love you
Yes, I do.
Darling I really care,
You're for me. That's all I see.
I'll love you, no matter where. I love you.
Oh, do you
Think you could care for me? Please don't
say never.
Just say forever.
Cause I'm so in love with you!