Herman and Lorraine Mosset are Valentine Sweethearts for over 70 years

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Her but would bring her flowers every Valentine’s Day years ago. But he decided it just cost too much money.

“Those flowers wouldn’t last long and I thought it was a waste of money. I started to get her jewelry instead then – something she could always remember me by,” Herman Mosset said.

Herman and Lorraine Mosset have spent many Valentine’s Days together, over 70 years of them. They share special memories of the holiday and Lorraine remembers one in particular.

“I had to have a surgery done on my hip and I told the doctor I wanted to do it on Valentine’s Day, and when he asked me why I did it, so I would get flowers!” Lorraine said.

When one visits with the couple, a shared characteristic that is evident in their marriage is their sense of humor – according to them, a “need” when being married for 71 years.

“We tease each other all the time,” are words that both Herman and Lorraine will often repeat.

They tell the story of when they first met.

Herman’s sister, Kathryn, and Lorraine’s brother, Alex Bichler, were dating. At a social get-together, Herman remembers following Lorraine to the basement.

“And the relationship just kept going up from there!” Herman chuckles.

Lorraine remembers telling her sister one night in a bar when she was “eyeing” Herman that he was going to be her husband one day, but her sister, Theresa, said “no way!”

They started dating in 1946, and enjoyed their dates going out dancing, going to movies and hanging out on their farms.

“We would go as far as Moorhead to dance. We loved dancing and would have rather danced than ate!” Herman said.

Lorraine said that Herman would often help her dad with fixing things around the farm and house.

“My dad thought the world of him because he could fix anything,” Lorraine said.

Herman and Lorraine say they were attracted to each other from the start.

“I thought he was handsome and that he would be my husband some day,” Lorraine said.

“She was pretty and I knew she would be the love of my life,” Herman said.

While he said he has so many things he loves about his wife, his favorite is that she just has the ability to take care of things.

“She took good care of me and our children – they all turned out so good!” he said. “She always helped me out and we worked together.”

Herman also added, “And she always looked good and had a nice figure!”

Lorraine appreciates her husband as well.

“He has been a good husband and father. He took good care of the kids. He was a good handyman. I helped him and he helped me,” she said.

The couple had dairy cows, and there were times when

Herman Mosset graduated from Linton High School in 1944, then attended electrician classes at the State School of Science in Wahpeton from 1945 to 1946.

Lorraine would milk the cows and Herman would care for the children.

They had their ups and downs just like every family did, but they try to remember the best of the times.

“We enjoyed dancing, small vacations, holidays with our family, farming and fishing,” Herman said.

He said the whole family

Herman Mosset said that Lorraine Bichler has been the love of his life since they started dating in 1946. He adds, “She was always pretty, looked good and had a nice figure!”

Herman and Lorraine have had a fun marriage and say they love to tease each other, and that a sense of humor is important in a marriage.

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Herman and Lorraine celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1997 with their family.

The wedding party are, left to right, Tony Dietz, Lenora Mosset, Victoria Bichler, groom, Herman Mosset, bride, Lorraine Bichler, Angelene Bichler and Valentine Kuhn.

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In the spring of 1950, they west of Linton for two years. Herman taught at the Horner and Kelsch Country School. Lorraine became a teacher in Bow, Kansas. They married in 1952 and spent our first two years of marriage in Linton. It was not our separate weddings, “Lorraine’s sister was also getting married and Lorraine and Herman had suggested a double wedding but her sister did not want that.

“Lorraine’s parents would not hear of us eloping, so we had our separate weddings,” Herman said.

They started their life together in Linton. It was not Herman’s first plan though. He suggested they move to Moorhead, Minn., as he was offered a job with Otter Trail Power. “That is what everybody asks,” Lorraine said. “How could you stay with one man that long?” She tells them, “You have to talk about things and work them out.”

But she also adds that you have to stand up for yourself. “Herman said, “It’s all about working together, helping each other out and compromising.” Herman and Lorraine have seven adult children – Elaine Jochim lives in Willsak (her husband, Florian, is deceased). Tom lives in Ashley, Mary Bartsch and her husband, Dennis, live in Bismarck. Jan Zerr and her husband, Mike, live in Mandan. Gary lives near Linton. Jerome and Rita farm near Linton and Joan Hodgson lives in Minot with her husband Steven. Herman and Lorraine also have 25 grandchildren (two of which are deceased) and 33 great-grandchildren, with two more on the way.

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