

Wonderful World



Reunited sweethearts Omega and William

Charlotte, North Carolina Omega Brown wasn't looking for love. The mother of four, now 82, hadn't been on a date since her divorce in 1998.

Two years ago, Omega came across the obituary of a man named Warner Bell. "I used to date his brother William," she said to her daughter Cyndi. "He was the nicest guy." They'd been introduced by William's college professor in 1955 and had dated on and off until graduation.

Cyndi was intrigued by Omega's story. There was just something about the way her mother said William's name, Cyndi told *The Charlotte Observer*. Cyndi and another relative tracked William down. He was thrilled to hear from Omega's family. After the death of his wife in 1995, he'd prayed for another companion to love.

Just before Valentine's Day 2016, William gave Omega a call. They met up over Easter weekend. It was love at first sight...again. They got married this past fall. "We just picked right back up," Omega said. "It was amazing." Even more amazing? William had kept a framed photo of Omega for 56 years. One she'd signed across the top "Love always."

Baker, Florida Army Specialist Wesley Chandler was looking forward to a little rest and relaxation at his parents' house in Florida. The 22-year-old had just completed 10 weeks of basic training plus 16 weeks of combat medic school. But as he found out, a soldier's work is never done.

"My mom started shouting, 'Wesley, you need to go outside,'" he told the *Northwest Florida Daily News*. "A plane just crashed!"

Sure enough, a small plane had crashed on approach to Sky Ranch airstrip. With the help of a passerby, Wesley pulled the pilot from the aircraft. He performed a rapid

trauma assessment and immobilized the man so paramedics could safely transport him to the hospital.

Wesley was in the perfect place to put his new skills to use. The airstrip is located just behind his parents' house. Literally in the backyard.

"Usually getting [to the scene of the accident] is half the battle," Wesley said. Not this time.

São Paulo, Brazil Rain wasn't the only wedding crasher at the nuptials of Marília Pieroni and Matheus Gomes Martins. Moments after the processional music began, an uninvited guest strolled down the aisle—a stray dog.

Guests quickly ushered the muddy dog outside before Marília made her grand entrance into the wedding tent. But the romantic canine returned, just in time for the couple to recite their vows. He stretched across Marília's cathedral-length veil and fell fast asleep. The bride didn't object at all.

"It was a very pleasant surprise for me because I love animals," she told *TheDodo.com*.

The newlyweds invited the stray to the reception, where he feasted on buffet scraps. They were so charmed by their new furry friend that they ended up adopting him. They named him Snoop. "We're all very happy now," Marília said. **mw**



Newlyweds Marília and Matheus with wedding crasher Snoop

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