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The Big Boomers

This is us

The Fifty Percent

Been married for 50 years? Half of a century. Two thousand six hundred weeks. And we won't even tell you how many seconds that is.

You have beaten the odds of death and divorce: Of all people who tied the knot 50 or more years ago, and who haven't yet died, only 50% percent have made it this far without divorcing or becoming widowed, according to the American Community Survey.

What does it take to stay married to the same person for over 50 years?

- ◆ They know how to fight with each other.
- ◆ They haven't stopped flirting or "getting it on".
- ◆ They force themselves to talk even when they don't feel like it
- ◆ They're kind to each other
- ◆ They don't let themselves get stuck in a rut
- ◆ They make sure that they're a team, but
- ◆ also develop their own passions and interests

**Congratulations to the
Class of 6t5 Fifty Percent**

Generation X

Our children, born between 1965 to 1980. Gen Xers are typically described as being resourceful, independent, and keen on maintaining work-life balance



Meet Dr. Chantel Styles.

- She is from Miami, Florida.
- Her secret talent is baking and decorating cakes, cupcakes, and cookies.
- She has been practicing medicine for four years post-residency (seven years total).
- Her family does not have any pets.
- She loves building Legos.

AND, she is one of our grands!! [The daughter of Edith Smith Reeves.](#)

The January 2024 edition of "Medical Professionals Charlotte" featured her and her journey into medicine.

And Journey it was. She started her career in communications, then taught school for a few years. Medicine lingered in her heart as something she was interested in since her high school days at a medical magnet school. ([Miami Northwestern Sr High School, of course](#))

Here is how she sums it up, and to whom she gives credit.

Personal accomplishment you are most proud of?

Having the guts to change my career and pursue medicine. When I walked across the stage in 2016 to accept my medical degree, it was one of the proudest moments of my life. Going to medical school as a married mother of two elementary-aged children was not easy, but the support of family, friends, and faculty at Eastern Virginia Medical School got me through.

Anything your parents taught you that sticks with you today?

My parents showed me through their actions that showing up every day, putting in the work, and persevering through difficult moments do pay off in the long run. Thank you Mom and Dad for such great work ethic!



The Pride & Joy of 6T5

Our Grands & Greats

Willie Johnson Dorsett

Adrian Martinez, Willie's 17 year old grandson, has been accepted to



In Cambridge England

Willie's daughter and grandson Adrian live in Spain



Dues

2024 \$50 class dues are ***needed***.

We made it through 2023, but 2024 is calling. Those texts that you so appreciate are not free. Please send your dues soon. You don't have to send all at once.

Make your check payable to Miami Northwestern Class of 6t5.

Mail to Linda Payne – 1804 NW 192nd St. Miami Gardens, FL 33056.

We welcome your paying for as many years as you missed.

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**Charles
&
Minnie
Buffington**

Sept 2, 1969



**VT
&
Miriam
Williams**
November 14,
1970



This is US

**Hattie
Williams
Walker
&
Phillip
Walker**

**November
21
1965**



**Linda Hill Mangaroo
& Badase Mangaroo**

November 1, 1973



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May
24
1966



Louise
Ford
Wilder
&
Tyrone
Wilder



January
25
1967



This is Us



December
11
1965

Julia Walton Hunter & Richard Hunter



George & Nezzie Stewart



June 1971

This is Us



**Helen Mitchell
Johnson**

&

Odell Johnson

June 14, 1969



**Mack & Vandene Tisdol Samuel
May 27, 1967**



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**Linda Wright
Payne**

&

Samuel Payne



September 2, 1969



**John and Jane
Marks**

August 24, 1969

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**Sandra Carey Wilson
&
Thomas Wilson**

August 18, 1973



**Mary Sims McCall
&
Bennie McCall**

September 27, 1969

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**June Small
Garvin
&
Thomas Garvin**

**February 2
1967**

