

# Wedding Bells, 60 Years Later

Cynthia Riggs is an 81-year-old mystery writer and owner of a bed and breakfast in Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

Divorced, with her children long gone, Riggs took up mystery writing as a hobby. She has a prolific imagination.



But her best story is her own true tale, a saga of romance and intrigue that began in 2012 when she got a strange envelope in the mail. Inside was a white card with a coded message on it.

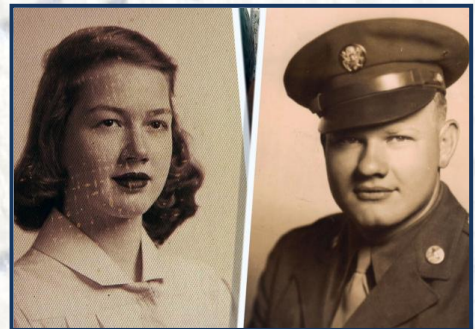
There was no key for breaking the code, or even a return address, for that matter. But Riggs was pretty sure who sent it. It was, in fact, a person from her youth.

The sender was Howard Attebery, a man with whom she had worked at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography when she was 18. They had used the code as a kind of fun game to make comments about what was going on in the office. No romance developed between them. She had not heard from Howard for 63 years.

The letter led to telephone conversations, which led to a visit, which led one hour later to an engagement, which led to marriage in May 2013. The bride was 81, and the groom was 91.

What did the coded note say?

It said, "I have never stopped loving you."



Attebery told CBS News, which reported on this real-life fairy tale: "Love is a great place to spend the rest of your life."

That is a wonderful account of romance and reunion of a man and a woman.

And there are other beautiful stories of love – the selfless, sacrificial kind. Stories of men and women who devote their lives – their skills, their compassion – to caring for others, many of whom are desperate for demonstrations of love.

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These people are called caregivers. And they demonstrate their special brand of love every day.

*Let all that you do be done with love* (1 Corinthians 16:14 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter