

They Found a Way, It Must Be Love

Word has it that on this beautiful, glorious day, a record may be broken. That record is for the couple that survived the longest long-distance relationship. And we're not talking just a few miles apart, we're talking continents apart. How did Erin & Brian do it? They found a way. It must be love.

They became experts in the telecommunications field. They emailed, they instant messaged, they web-camed, they telephoned, they text messaged. They took pictures with their cell phones and downloaded them to each other in an instant. They videotaped special moments to bring each other closer to the family gatherings. Erin even regularly videotaped a tomato plant that Brian planted to show him that it was actually growing – the relationship survived the tomato plant. They sent care packages and love letters and flowers and gifts. They found a way. It must be love.

Erin and Brian actually did get to be with each other now and then. And their relationship survived that too. Incidents like the gift of Dark Chocolate, Erin mashing potatoes, the Garden of Eden, games of Phase Ten, Monopoly, spades (Ten for Two! comes to mind) pool and backgammon became all-out war (neither likes to lose). And they even survived a pause in their relationship. They found a way. It must be love.

Erin and Brian found a way, because it was the only way. They are standing here today because each of them knows that what they have gone through was so worth it. Erin knows that she is marrying a man of character and values. He is handsome and caring. He stands for something and doesn't waver ...and, he makes her laugh. Brian knows too, that he is marrying a woman who is not only beautiful but incredibly intelligent as well. She is determined, creative, fun and adventurous...and, she makes him laugh.

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