



Wedding of Jennifer Nunes and Darren Lucas Trip Notes **January 19-21, 2018**

No, it isn't our wedding. We ran away and tried to hide ours in 1970 and thus don't even have an anniversary. We'd claimed to be married much earlier because living together in those days just wasn't done.

Who are these folks getting married? In the early 90s when we were new at Koi keeping and running Koi events, we had a young fellow drop by a koi show. He worked. He cleaned tanks. We liked him. He was much younger than we realized.

Shortly thereafter he decided to start a business of building Koi ponds and then maintaining them and Tom helped him get a start. Tom and his friend Pat have kept up with Darren all these years. We believe he has been very successful in his business, now has his own house and wonderful pond, and finally is marrying a long-time girlfriend. I kept saying that he shouldn't get married unless I approved of the gal but I disappeared out of his life so now I'm going to go meet her. At the wedding.

We are very proud of Darren and hope we like Jennifer too. Yep, they'd probably openly lived together. Times they are a' changin'.

The setting was in Vernon Valley upstate New Jersey in beautifully wooded and mountainous terrain about 2 1/2 hour drive north. Tom had skied there in years past. The resort is a huge complex and we chose a large supposedly luxurious room. It had its pluses from size to balcony and fireplace and wet bar but it had its downsides too being somewhat tacky and lacking in quality. We were especially put out that the restaurant was totally closed on our Friday night due to a huge Jewish wedding. We had to drive out to the town which turned out ok. But we found an upside to the Jewish wedding—chocolate and fruit boxed giveaways that were in our hall presuming everyone there was for the wedding. Thank you!

Both the wedding ceremony and the reception were very well done. There were plenty of tears of joy to go around, some cute speeches and lots of happy people. We all had much too much booze and far too many calories but it is not possible to dance too much. Except for the sores left on my tootsies.

Pandora had another vacation at Sue Ann's with her big birds and will have another one in a week when we head off to Missouri. Our neighborhood caretakers must hate us but they continue to spoil us so that we can continue to travel. We leave to Nice France February 10 for six nights and then to Paris for eight nights. Lucky lucky lucky.

Pictures:



Do you see that that cat? That's about like all we did on Saturday afternoon. Then a view of the sunset from our balcony.

Tom couldn't remember wearing a suit and was pleasantly surprised that they still fit.



The wedding couple even had snow in the ballroom.

Itinerary

Fri Jan 19

1:00pm Depart home via car – 2 to 2 ½ hours drive?

Hotel Minerals Hotel of Crystal Springs Resort – 2 nights
Route 94 & 2 Chamonix Drive, Vernon, NJ 07462 Tele 855 665 7800

Local directions in file. General from I-287 from the south: I-287N to Rt 23N, to Rt 94N (right). Pass the entrance to Crystal Springs. Proceed 1.9 miles to McAfee traffic light. Make right and cross RR tracks. Continue 1 miles from RR tracks to Hotel entrance on the right.

Sat Jan 20

5:00pm Weddiing of Jennifer Lynn Nunes and Darren Joseph Lucas.
Mineral Springs Resort and Spa, 2 Chamonix Drive, Vernon.
Reception to follow

Sun Jan 21

11:00am Check out

Drive home approximately 2 ½ hours - Pick up Pandora early evening

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