



It's a Love Story: THIS COUPLE JUST SAID YES!

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In a world of swiping left and right it's rare to hear of a traditional meet up. But when friends had a sneaking suspicion that Mary Pat (nee Brough) and Nick Hux would have sparks fly, they made the connection and a love story began. The couple's first date was at an ice cream shop called Dairy Delite in Bucks County and they were smitten from the start. They didn't want the date to end and made immediate plans to hang out again. From there this sweet couple were completely enchanted and went on more ice cream dates, got dinner and just hung out. They clicked immediately and could talk for hours right from the start.

Nick grew up in North Carolina and Mary Pat found herself just a state away for college at James Madison University in Virginia. After graduating in 2020 (smack dab in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic) she wasn't sure where she would land. But with the world nearly shut down due to a virus, it seems meant to be that she landed back in the Philadelphia area at the National Disease Research Interchange first as a Biomedical Tissue Coordinator and now as a

Biomedical Tissue Shift Manager. Likewise, after graduating from school in North Carolina, Nick found himself wanting to be in PA to spend more time with his mom and when moving North he worked in various roles with contractors along the way.

After dating for a year and growing more in love, Nick found his passion for work growing too. He knew his professional destiny was back in North Carolina working with his father as a Rescue Technician, an industrial safety service assisting in confined space safety protocols, excavation rescues, fall protection and more. He had found his dream job, but he'd also found his dream girl. Despite knowing all too well that long distance can challenge any relationship, Nick hinted that he wanted to make it work. Mary Pat not only agreed but shared that she would be open to relocating to North Carolina, and that's when they knew they were each other's end game.

After a few cruel summers living apart, with lots of Facetiming in between visits, Nick was up in Philadelphia when he popped the question. The couple were skating at



Dilworth Park when, in the middle of the ice, Nick got down on one knee. How did it end? Mary Pat knew that Nick was the one, so of course she said yes. A wonderful stranger saw Nick pull out the ring box and started videotaping, so this happy couple has their life changing moment to look back on forever and always.

With hearts full of happiness, they began planning the best day of their lives. One of Mary Pat's sisters got married in 2023 and another in 2024, so after setting the date for October of 2025, Mary Pat had a wealth of knowledge from her sisters to arm her for the planning process. The first and biggest choice

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the couple made was their venue. With several gorgeous ballrooms to choose from and outdoor amenities galore, the Drexelbrook was the obvious choice. They knew the Drexelbrook would be the perfect space to ensure they had a memorable event. They loved the whole vibe of this premier wedding venue, and its convenient location to both Havertown and Annunciation BVM where the ceremony took place was icing on the cake. The attached hotel sealed the deal with so many out-of-town guests coming for their nuptials—the Drexelbrook had everything on their wish list.

The next big decision was the dress. Mary Pat's bride tribe included her mom, her 3 sisters, her aunt, her niece and Nick's mom. Together they started the dress hunt and found the perfect option on the second shopping trip. Mary Pat shocked everyone when her typically indecisive self knew exactly what she wanted. She fell in love with the timeless bottom of one dress and the delicate illusion top of another. As they were both from the same designer, Allure, she was able to get a completely custom dress that fit her style perfectly.

The rest of the count down to the big day was blessedly stress-free. After all the hustle and bustle of traveling back and forth while living apart and getting a wedding and reception for 210 people planned, the couple finally had a chance to just breathe. Nick said goodbye to being a bachelor with a golf trip and a weekend at the lake. Mary Pat was treated to a long weekend in Rehoboth Beach complete with boat yoga, relaxing by the pool and even an in-home Hibachi dinner. To finish out their pre-wedding fêtes they were showered with love and gifts as their autumn wedding approached. The bridal shower, thrown by the bride's mother and bridesmaids at DiFabio's, had the apropos theme of "Fall in Love".

He and she became "we" on October 25, 2025. Their bridal party consisting of friends, siblings from both sides and one sweet niece looked on with joy knowing this love between Mary Pat and Nick was the real deal. The only almost glitch in the whole wedding process was when Father Sean Loomis, pastor at Annunciation BVM Catholic Church was transferred after the couple had already begun their pre-cana classes with him. They had become so close to him, like a father figure, and were worried they would have to begin again when he moved away. However, luck was on their side when they requested that he come back to celebrate their wedding and he agreed! Everything was smooth sailing through the rehearsal and ceremony. They both said "I do" and joyously walked down the aisle together in the afterglow of finally becoming husband and wife.

The reception was stunning. The Drexelbrook's atmosphere and service were second to none. Flowers by Bonnie's Wondergardens adorned the tables and blew everyone (including the bride and groom) away. The colors were black and white with a touch of gold. Guests dined on their choice of Tuscan Chicken, Salmon with a Champagne Lemon Glaze or Spaghetti Squash. The cake cutting was low key and actually romantic. It was a moment shared between just the two of them and their

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parents. Master's Bakery provided a cake to cut and serve to guests, but their first bites were of a gluten-free cake made by a family friend. The most important wedding detail for Mary Pat was that the DJ could provide a little pyrotechnic moment with sparklers. The pictures say it all—it was a superstar moment!

After their nuptials, the newlyweds were off to Aruba for their honeymoon, chosen for its warm climate, relaxing beaches and adventurous activity options. On returning from the trip they settled into their new life together in N.C. There was a lot to get used to as they began living together for the first time. Playful spats about tidying and thermostat aside, they take joy in being together as much as they can be. This active couple shares a fitness bug. Mary Pat plans to train for a half marathon and Nick has begun joining her on her runs. They also plan on a lot of travel in the future, buying a home, bonding over new adventures and spending time with family.

Mary Pat intends to get a new job and they want to plant roots in their new home, but after 28 years in Havertown and with her family still here, she knows she will miss all that the township has to offer. You will see their faces during lots of visits, especially for Mary Pat's favorite township activities like Haverford Township Days, the Haverford Music Festival and the Annual Turkey Trot organized by Annunciation BVM to benefit Cardinal John Foley School. Will they move back? Maybe. And that's the best part, they don't know exactly what their future will hold. What they do know is that there is a wonderland of possibilities and they look forward to it all as they build their life together.



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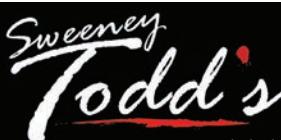


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