

# We Wish You Great Joy on This Your Special Day

*May your troubles be small, but when they do come, may they be unable to penetrate the bond between you.*

*As the years go on, may the memory of problems fade into the mist and disappear while the joyful times glow in your heart like the dawn of a new day – or the beauty of a sunset.*

*May money issues never cloud the bond.*

*May the support you give each other be like the strong foundation supporting your home.*

*Like a careful gardener, may you tend the love between you, removing weeds, and giving each other room to grow and blossom as people, as well as a husband or wife, mother or father.*

*May you hold on to each other firmly, but not so tightly as to strangle.*

*May you encourage each other's strengths, and compensate for each other's weaknesses.*

*May you always have integrity in dealing with one another.*

*May your honesty be tempered by kindness.*

*Like a great jazz ensemble, may you be able to improvise around the changes in your lives to continue to create beautiful music together.*

*May you cultivate common interests so that in addition to gazing at each other, you can gaze outward together.*

*May the love between you spill outward to others. May it grow in you a compassion for those whose lives touch yours, whether near or far.*

## Happy Anniversary!

