

Breana' Leonard – 3rd Place

Congressional District Two

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“The Best Marriage I Know”

Do you know a couple that have been together quite a while and are great together? Well I do, these two people are my mom and dad. My mom and dad mean absolutely everything to me. They have taught me basically everything. Anything I have asked for or even mentioned, they have tried to get. There are tons of couples out there, but here is the reason I choose these two.

My mom and dad met on July 9, 1989. My mom was at her aunt's (my dad's cousin on different sides) house eating grapes. My dad walks up to her and says, “I want some grapes.” My mom then looks at him and says, “Winn-Dixie sales them all day long.” My dad says to her, “I don't want theirs I want yours.” My mom looks at him and said, “Well you better get to Winn-Dixie, because you are not getting any of these.” I thought it was really funny how my mom was so mean, and on July 13, 1991, my mom and dad were officially one. They were married four years, and there I was on August 12, 1995. I was only 2 years old when my brother Braxton was born. Our family had finally begun.

There are so many different things that make this marriage great, but one reason tops all the others. My dad was diagnosed with cancer on March 28, 2000. The doctors said the type of cancer was leukemia. My mom researched and what she found was that leukemia was dominate to the eldest child. My dad was the oldest of 5 children. My mom was very nervous of the things that could happen. The only thing we could do was take it one step at a time. My mom, dad, brother, and I had to drive to Birmingham three and four times out of the week.