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COUPLE MEET AND MARRY AT THE LODGE AT TAYLOR NURSING HOME

Friendship can blossom into love in unexpected ways, as Donald Wright Jr., and Cecilia “Pinky” Burgos discovered Aug. 16, as the couple exchanged vows in front of family and friends.

The Lodge of Taylor residents Burgos, 74, and Wright, 62, were introduced by a mutual friend, Marc Eastep, who was motivated to encourage the shy Wright to leave his room and participate in activities with other residents.

Once the couple met, Wright started to seek Burgos’ company, participating in activities, as well as helping her.

As the two learned more about each other, Burgos’ mother died, in February, and Wright was there for her with emotional support.

Soon, a proposal led to the two becoming husband and wife.

For Wright, who was divorced about 35 to 40 years ago, it is his second marriage. He said he was getting anxious to marry Burgos.

“It’s exciting,” Wright said. “I can’t wait – she looks gorgeous.”

Wright said he never thought he would find love again. He said her smile is part of what makes her special.

“She just smiles, a big smile, and giggles,” he said. “We feel the same way. She’s the one.”

Don Wright said he would tell others to never give up on finding love.

His younger brother, Daniel Wright, said he thinks it is wonderful that his brother has fallen mutually in love.

“If you were to see him a year ago, a total difference,” he said. “This year he is happy, he is healthy looking – just a total transformation.”

Daniel Wright, who was married for 32 years, was recently widowed. He said he believes that one day, he may also find love again.

“I am certain of that,” he said. “Just like Don said, never give up.”

He said his brother’s newfound love has a positive impact on his life.

“A year ago, he was so depressed, and so down, and now he is just so happy with his life. You can see it in his face,” Daniel Wright said. “And the two of them together is just wonderful. She is a very outgoing person, and has a great personality, and is down to earth.”

Burgos has found love with Don Wright as well, and is not worried about the 12 year difference in their age.

“Age has no time limit on it,” Burgos said. “So, no matter how young or how old you are, you can find love if it is in your heart to have.”

The wedding planner was Mary Thullen, aka The Lodge’s Admissions Director, and her team of helpers. Different people and businesses were generous in their support of the wedding, including Flowers on the Avenue of Allen Park, Lifeline Concorde, who provided a wedding cake through Sweet Tooth Bakery of Allen Park; hair and makeup for Borgus by David Presley School of Cosmetology, and food/venue at the Lodge of Taylor. Custom Hospice, Seasons Hospice and Residential Hospice also contributed to the wedding.