

Len Hoshall says that he and his wife Susan were bound and determined to have fun and be happy that day. "We did," he says. And as the evening progresses, Ippensen says most fathers are in awe of their wives and daughters. "They have a real sense of pride. They realize this perfect event is the result of all the time they spent planning."

There was a method to the madness after all.

The event reminds mothers and brides how grateful they are for dad. Susan Wit thanks Bob Thompson for being a great father. And Dalee Leebern, a self-described Daddy's Little Girl, says her father has always provided her anything she ever wanted and she hopes her children will have the same incredible experience.

The details fathers remember and cherish are the personal moments. Bob Thompson recalls his daughter Jenny's last night at home. "Jenny came home that night and we were up late chatting. I finally said, 'Jenny, isn't it time for bed?' She said 'Daddy, this is the last time I'll sleep in this house as Jenny Thompson.'" A few minutes later, Jenny came in and asked her father to tuck her in. Bob says, "I'll never forget that. I'd do it all over again tomorrow." ■



Bob Killian and daughter Bonnie

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