



KATHRYN AND JARED DOWNS

(married Nov. 29, 2008)

Anyone who says politics makes strange bedfellows hasn't met Kathryn and Jared. She is the regional representative for U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss. He is the regional director for U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson. They first met in 2003 while Kathryn was interning for Congressman Jack Kingston in his Brunswick district office and Jared was working for U.S. Sen. Zell Miller. A coworker/matchmaker in Kathryn's office urged Jared to drop by and meet Kathryn but at that time Kathryn was in a relationship. It wasn't until two years later that their official first date occurred. They shared lunch and a cup of coffee and have been together ever since.

Jared proposed to Kathryn on a Tuesday afternoon at Fort Frederica. Kathryn had no idea what Jared had planned and quite frankly was annoyed because she had a hair appointment that she was determined not to miss. She knew Jared was acting odd with the questions he was asking, all the while not realizing what was about to take place. She finally decided that she had better leave or she was going to miss her hair appointment. When she turned to go, Jared was on one knee asking for her hand in marriage. She was completely surprised and after tears of excitement she said yes. (And in case you're wondering, she did make it to her hair appointment.)

How did they know they were right for one another?



"You just know when you know," Jared says. "I still get goose bumps every time our eyes meet. Kathryn challenges me to get over my stubborn ways and I love her all the more for it."

Kathryn says much the same. "There was a definite spark from the time we met," she says. "It was one of those things you just know. When I look at Jared, I know that I have found my soul mate."

Kathryn and Jared took a huge risk and planned their wedding for not only the weekend of Thanksgiving but also the same day as the Georgia vs. Georgia Tech game. Die-hard football fans were in disbelief, but family is a very important part of their lives. And what better time to get married than a time when families come together to give thanks.

ROBIN AND DAVIS LOVE III

(married Nov. 22, 1986)

Robin and Davis met while they were juniors in high school at Glynn Academy. Robin remembers seeing Davis across the cafeteria and inquiring from friends for more details. They were introduced and went out a few times but unfortunately, things did not work out so well. Davis still insists, though, that, he knew she was the one from the beginning.

They started dating seriously in 1985, the summer before Davis made golf his profession and joined the PGA tour. Their first date was at Choo-Choo's, a barbecue shack at Dover Bluff. Today their home is abundant with smokers and picnic tables, all reminiscent of that first date. Davis is fond of barbecue and praises Robin's sauces and rubs.

He proposed marriage seven months after the trip to Choo-Choo's. He was taking Robin home after a night out with friends when he stopped at a stop

sign. He asked Robin to get a cassette tape out of the glove box. Robin said she was shocked to open the cassette tape box and find a ring. Robin says she was the happiest girl alive, even if they were sitting at a stop sign under a street light.

Robin and Davis lead extremely busy lives with Davis' touring schedule and the schedules of their two children, Lexie and Dru. Davis says he tends to play better when Robin accompanies him on tour and that his being away from home tends to be tougher on the kids.

After 22 years of marriage, Davis has some words of wisdom to offer newlyweds.

"Get straight right away the holidays with both families," he advises. "Don't play golf together. Date nights are very



important, especially when you start having children. But most important, babies can cry themselves to sleep sometimes. Dads don't have to pick them up."

Robin says sometimes couples need 24 hours to think things through when disagreements arise, but suggests settling them before

going to bed.

"Marriage is a learning experience," she says, "and couples need to practice patience with each other."