

# VANESSA MINNILLO CHANGES HER NAME



Vanessa Minnillo is no more. The 31-year-old, who married Nick Lachey in July, has officially changed her name to Vanessa Lachey, reports [E! Online](#). Lachey took to Twitter to break the news, tweeting, “So. I’m making it official, and I LOVE my new name! @VanessaLachey has a nice ring to it.”

What are some things to consider before changing your last name after marriage?

Cupid’s Advice:

Though taking your husband’s name used to be expected, more and more women are now choosing to keep their maiden names. Here are a few things to consider before making your decision:

1. The repercussions: Having a different last name than your partner can be troublesome. Organizing financial documents, insurance papers, and other investments are often easier when you and your spouse have the same last name.

2. Your partner's feelings: If your partner wishes for you to take his name, you should take his feelings into consideration. However, make sure his wishes are only a small factor, not the deciding factor.

3. Your preference: Don't let society's expectations overrule your personal preference. It's your name, and ultimately, it's your choice.

Did you take your husband's name after marriage? Feel free to share your feelings on the subject in a comment below.