

# Dolly Parton Shares Love Advice for a Happy Marriage



By Jenna Bagcal

In Hollywood, there are few married celebrity couples who stay together, and an increase in celebrity divorces and break-ups. With that thought in mind, it's so refreshing to see Hollywood couples who are successful in their relationships and love, like Dolly Parton and her husband Carl Thomas Dean. In recent celebrity news from [People.com](https://www.people.com), Parton, who has been married for 49 years, discusses her relationship and shares her [love advice](#) for a successful marriage. "They say that opposites attract, and it's true," the country crooner says. "We're completely opposite, but that's what makes it fun. I never know what he's gonna say or do. He's always surprising me."

# After 49 years of marriage, Dolly Parton has valuable love advice to share! How do you continually work on strengthening your marriage?

## Cupid's Advice:

You have probably heard people say that marriage is hard work, and they are absolutely right! You and your partner must put in a conscious effort to have the best relationship and love life possible. Consider Cupid's love advice for a long-lasting partnerships like this married celebrity couple:

**1. Keep communication strong:** Communication is one of the most important factors in a healthy relationship, and the lack of it can be a couple's downfall. Whether it's telling your beau about the high and low points of your day or discussing an issue that you might have with the other person, communication helps to keep relationships strong and prevents unresolved issues from cropping up and creating resentment.

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**2. Maintain the intimacy:** After being in a relationship for a long time, you may be extremely comfortable with your partner, so much so that you forget about intimacy. However, keeping the passion alive will help to ensure that your needs and the needs of your partner are being satisfied. Talk to each other about what you want, both in and out of the bedroom.

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**3. Do something new:** Keep your significant other on their toes by doing something out of character. You may have developed a

routine that has gotten quite boring and stagnant over the years, especially if you've been married for a long time. Book a trip to an exotic place or just try a new foreign cuisine. Sharing these experiences will give you and your partner something to talk about and might even inspire you to participate in other things outside of your comfort zone.

**What advice do you have for continually strengthening your relationship? Leave a comment!**

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## Celebrity Couples Who Keep Their Relationships Out of the Spotlight





By April Littleton

Most of the famous and wealthy individuals we see on our TV screens and in the magazines enjoy having their love life on display for the whole world to see. However, there are a select few who prefer to keep their relationship out of harm's way. Cupid has a list of celebrities who manage to keep their private life – private:

**1. Dolly Parton and Carl Thomas Dean:** The country singer has been married to Dean since May, 30, 1996. They met at a Wishy-Washy laundromat on her first day in Nashville with his first words to her being, "Y'all gonna get sunburnt out there, little lady." Since marrying, Dean has only seen Parton perform once and he rarely makes any public appearances with his wife. Parton and Dean have no children together, but she commented on his romantic side in an interview stating that Dean does spontaneous things to surprise her and sometimes writes her poems.

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**2. Beyonce and Jay-Z:** This couple kept their relationship under wraps for quite a while. It was rumored that the couple began dating after collaborating together on the hit single "03 Bonnie and Clyde". The lovebirds took it a step further by secretly marrying on April 4, 2008. When it comes to the status of their relationship, the couple have since eased up on their privacy, especially when Beyonce publicly announced her pregnancy during a live performance on the 2011 MTV Video Music Awards.

**3. Morris Chestnut and Pam Byse:** Who knew that *The Best Man Holiday* co-star was married? Well he is – and has been for 18 years now. Chestnut and his wife Pam have two children together, Grant and Paige. In an interview with *Upscale* magazine, the actor explained what makes their marriage successful. "I let my wife be the woman. You know? I let her be the woman.... And she, in turn, when it comes down to it, she lets me be the man," Chestnut said.

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**4. Rachel Weisz and Daniel Craig:** These two lovebirds got married with only four people attendance, while the rest of the world didn't even know they were dating! Weisz and Craig tied the knot in a private New York ceremony June 2011. The *Oz the Great and Powerful* actress has since told *Marie Claire* magazine that the marriage gives her 'a wonderful feeling of stability.'

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**5. Megan Fox and Brian Austin Green:** It's no secret that these two stars have been in an on-again, off-again relationship since 2004, but the fact that they managed to hide the birth of their firstborn for three weeks should speak volumes. Fox gave birth to baby Noah Sept 27, 2012, but didn't publicly announce the news until much later. Recently, the couple told the media that they are expecting their second child together



sometime this year.

Are there any other celebrity couples who should be on this list? Comment below.

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## 5 Celebrity Relationships with Open Marriages



By Gabby Robles

Some say that open marriages are a recipe for disaster, but these [famous couples](#) say otherwise. These married celebrity couples admit that attraction to other people is a natural

force and don't restrict each other in the slightest. If you've been curious about open marriages, why not take a page from these five celebrity relationships that have them?

## Open Marriages for Famous Celebrity Couples

**1. Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith:** This Hollywood couple has talked openly about their marriage recently, with Will Smith stating, "Our perspective is, you don't avoid what's natural and you're going to be attracted to people." The famous couple doesn't keep each other on a tight leash by any means – even allowing one another to get intimate if the other approves.

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**2. Robin Thicke and Paula Patton:** After Robin Thicke's scandalous VMA performance with Miley Cyrus, the celebrity couple came forth about their open marriage. Thicke claims that the two have a very strong love and have the "most functional dysfunctional marriage in Hollywood." Whatever works, we guess!

**3. Dolly Parton and Carl Dean:** These two have a "don't ask, don't tell" policy. The country crooner told Oprah Winfrey in 2010, "That just means we let each other be who we are and how we are. But I'd kill him if I knew he was with somebody."

**4. Kody Brown and Christine, Meri, Robyn and Janelle Brown:** Also known as "The Sister Wives," this group is an extreme example of an open marriage. While all of them care about their family as a whole, some of the wives admit to having animosity towards each other. With four women sharing one man, we can't blame them!

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5. **Brad Pitt** and **Angelina Jolie**: While technically these two aren't married, the famous couple share six children and behave in the public eye as such. Jolie claimed, "I doubt that fidelity is absolutely essential for a relationship... it's worse to leave your partner and talk badly about him afterwards." She also said that the couple never set any restrictions on each other or their celebrity relationship, even though they live together.

It might not be okay for you, but it sure works for these famous couples! We give these pairs credit: An open marriage cannot be the easiest thing in the world, but they've been going strong for quite some time.

**What do you think about these celebrity couples and their open marriages? Share in the comments below!**

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# **"I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston**







By Daniela Agurcia

Girls all over the world stood in front of their mirrors, hairbrush in hand, while singing along to Whitney Houston's hit single, "I Will Always Love You," when it first debuted in 1992. Houston's cover of Dolly Parton's "I Will Always Love You" was said to have transformed the original country song into a memorizing gospel-like song. It remained number one on the charts for weeks all over the world, a hit record.

Houston's unique voice conveyed an inspiring emotion through this song about an everlasting love to a loved one who has left. At the 54th Grammy Awards, the day after the superstar's sudden death, Jennifer Hudson sang a replica of Whitney Houston's song as a tribute, leaving chills and tears in anyone who watched the beautiful performance. "I Will Always Love You" will continue to be one of the greatest songs of all time, and Whitney Houston will forever be remembered as an inspiration for love and music.

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