

Singer John Mellencamp and Wife Elaine Split

It looks like singer John Mellencamp is starting the new year as a single man. After 18 years of marriage, Mellencamp and his wife Elaine have decided to call it quits. According to *People*, the pair met in 1991 when supermodel Elaine Irwin was hired to pose on the cover of Mellencamp's 'Whenever We Wanted' album. No concrete reason has been given for the split, but Mellencamp's spokesperson Bob Merils told *The Hollywood Reporter* that they "are proud of their 20 years together and are very happy with their accomplishments both as parents and as a family" and that "they will continue to raise their two children in Indiana, but have decided to call it a day as a couple."

What are ways to get out there after a long marriage ends?

Cupid's Advice:

Like many others coming out of a long marriage, John Mellencamp and Elaine Irwin are a little rusty when it comes to the dating game. Cupid thought of some steps to getting yourself out there after a divorce:

- 1. Focus on numero uno:** Before you can find someone new after a divorce, you need to feel good about yourself. Take some time to lift your spirits by doing things that make you smile. Once you're happy on your own, you're more likely to attract a great guy!
- 2. Hang with singles:** Once you're ready, start going out with friends and meeting new people. This can be anything from going out dancing, attending sports events or traveling.

Mingle with the singles everywhere you go, and you're bound to find yourself a date who shares similar interests.

3. Online dating: When all else fails, try meeting someone online! Find a dating site that feels right for you, set up a profile and let the computer do the work. We're in the generation of technology, and hundreds of people are meeting their spouses online every day. You could be next!