

Tennis Legend Martina Navratilova and Longtime Partner Julia Lemigova Are Married



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They tied the knot! According to UsMagazine.com, Martina Navratilova and Julia Lemigova were married on Monday, Dec. 15. The private ceremony was held at Peninsula Hotel in New York. The tennis legend stated, "It's just really odd. I'm 58 years old and I got married for the first time. It's about time, right? Growing up as a gay woman, you just don't think about that, but then about 10 years ago I thought, 'In about 10 years, gay marriage will be legal,' and here we are." The

model and grand slam title holder have been dating since 2006.

How do you know when you're ready to marry your longtime love?

Cupid's Advice:

If you have been together with your significant other for a long time but still haven't tied the knot, how do you know when you're ready? Cupid has some thoughts:

1. Share similar goals: Do you have the same dreams for your future together? Knowing what each of you expects for the coming years will be a good indication of whether or not you should get married.

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2. Talk about it: Since you've been together for so long, it'll be important to discuss your next step. Is it a shared commitment you both want to make? What kind of ceremony would you want to have? Is there anything that needs to happen before you pop the question?

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3. Make it official: If you have been happy and in love for a long time, why not make it official? Have a celebration of your love and dedication to each other and put a ring on that finger!

Do you have similar story of waiting to wed? Share your thoughts or stories with us below!

Martina Navratilova's Off-Court Financial Battle



This is no love match. Tennis legend Martina Navratilova has found herself fighting an off-court battle with her ex, Toni Layton, reported the [Telegraph](#) last week. Now, Navratilova is trying to put an end to this messy breakup by settling and paying Layton an estimated \$3 million. Layton sued Navratilova two years ago for alimony, saying Navratilova suddenly dumped her after an eight year relationship, and caused her “emotional, mental and physical trauma.” Layton also apparently threatened Navratilova, saying she would air all of the couple’s dirty laundry if the tennis legend didn’t pay up.

What should you do if you’re being threatened in some way by a

jilted ex?

Cupid's Advice:

It should never have to come to this, but being able to protect yourself from any threat is essential. Let Cupid help:

- 1. A threat is a threat:** First and foremost, understand that if someone threatens you it should be taken seriously. Whether it's verbal, as in the case of Navratilova, or physical, it should not be ignored. Any form of domestic abuse, which includes threats against you or a family member, is against the law!
- 2. You're never alone:** Calling 911 is a good first course of action if you feel threatened. Laws vary from state-to-state; you'll want to understand your options. Don't worry about making things worse by involving the authorities; they're there to help and protect you. If you're a minor, inform your parents of the situation and let them help you figure out the best course of action. There is also the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE.
- 3. The ABC's of AVOs and TROs:** There are special court orders that can be put in place if your ex, or even your current spouse, is threatening you. These are called injunctions, and can force someone to refrain from doing certain acts. These come in the form of a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO), or an Apprehended Violence Order (AVO) if you feel your harasser is becoming violent.