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THE SCHWARTZ FAMILY: Love that Lasts

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It is not all that common to meet childhood friends that ended up getting married and starting a family together. Meet your neighborhood rarity: Cody and Lauren Schwartz. The couple has been married for seven years, but they have known each other since the ages of 10 and 12, respectively.

Both Cody and Lauren's moms have worked together for over 30 years. Early on, the women became close friends, and from that strong relationship came gatherings, outings, and even vacations with both of their families. This naturally encouraged a friendship between Cody and Lauren as well. Although Cody went to school in Houston, and Lauren in Spring, their bond was strong. They didn't know it then, but the seeds for a budding romance had been planted.

The two went their own ways when college came around. Cody graduated from Texas A&M with an undergrad in education and a Master of Athletic Administration from Grace College. Lauren graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism, with an emphasis in broadcasting and a minor in sociology. After graduating, Lauren worked as a

news producer in Oklahoma City. Cody went on to teach and coach. With college out of the way and off the mind, and new careers under way, Cody and Lauren found themselves reaching out to reconnect. Their old friendship picked up right where it left off, and quickly became so much more. On February 14, 2015, the two tied the knot at Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

Holding back a chuckle, Cody shared, "At our wedding, the wedding coordinators got lost to the church, so I was actually late to my own wedding." It's all water under the bridge now though. To spend an eternity with your best friend is worth waiting a couple of more minutes.

Lauren is now working for a yearbook publishing company, while Cody is a teacher and football/track coach at Memorial High School. They have their hands full between work and home, as they are also parents of two adorable girls, Spencer (4) and Sutton (1). Spencer enjoys gymnastics, and Sutton enjoys anything her sister is currently doing.

Rounding out the Schwartz crew is Rodney. "Our dads were actually on a bike ride in Waller, Texas, and this dog showed up out of nowhere and started running with my dad who was traveling at 18 miles per hour," explained Cody. "He did not have a collar on, and was not chipped, so my dad took him home and he became a part of the family."

Cody and Lauren go out of their way to make time for fun. Cody smiled as he expanded, "We love playing golf together and hanging out with family. We normally take one vacation during Christmas and summer, usually heading somewhere to play golf. Lauren is by far the best golfer in the family."



Rodney

Lauren added, "And now Spencer is showing interest in learning to play golf."

Cody went on, "Lauren's family has a beach house we love going to whenever we can. On Saturdays during the fall, you can find us watching college football, especially the Aggies and Sooners." Sundays, year round, are for attending St. John Vianney Catholic Church.

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Spencer and Sutton



Cody pausing for a pose

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Lauren putting

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With work and church being right in the area, it makes sense that a move to the area is under way. Currently they live in Deerfield Village where they enjoy the established neighborhood, the trees, new-neighbor driveway parties, December Snow Days, Music on the Green events, and Easter egg hunts in the spring.

“We plan on moving to the district and can’t wait for Spencer and Sutton to grow up with their friends from school,” shared Lauren. She continued, “I know how much SBISD and this area mean to everyone.”

And we know how much the Schwartzes mean to SBISD. Their devoted investment in each other and their family is simply remarkable, and it logically carries out into their community.



Rodney and Spencer

When asked how they have managed to keep their bond so strong from such an early age, they replied with John 15:13 “Greater love hath no one than this, that he may lay down his life for his friends.”

May we be more like the Schwartz family, committed to one another from day one with a love that lasts.



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