Wildwood lovers Francis and Florence McCoy will celebrate 50 years of wedded bliss on July 24th, 2011.

Frank, a retired New York City police officer, and Flo, a former antique dealer and jeweler, spent many idyllic vacations in Wildwood with their three children, Nancy, Diane, and Frank Jr. (Frank also has son, Brian from a previous marriage) before becoming proud, permanent residents in 2010.

The couple, originally from Rockland County, New York, purchased a condo in Wildwood Crest approximately 30 years ago. Shortly after Flo closed her antique and jewelry business in Northern, New Jersey, they moved into the Regency Towers in North Wildwood. There they found their very own slice of Heaven on Earth complete with a picturesque ocean view and spectacular sunsets.

The fun-loving, social couple maintain an open-door policy which extends to the 5:30 Club Flo started, a weekly neighbor’s meeting held by the pool or in the game room, where they share cocktails and the latest stories.

As Frank successfully battles lung cancer thanks to excellent care, healthy doses of carefree days, and the well-being fresh, salty air can bring, he and Flo appreciate what they’ve found within their seaside sanctuary.

As they continue to create memories with their shore-loving children and grandchildren, they can happily look back, knowing their relocation to Wildwood was the smartest move they ever made. Congratulations to the happy couple!

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