

Eddie & Sarah

Eddie and Sarah Bowles met each other in New Orleans and got married on March 27, 1911, when Eddie was 27 and Sarah was 20. Eddie had told Sarah's father that he would take care of Sarah. Sarah had an unknown disease that made her anxious and not so steady on her feet, but she had been this way since birth.

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In order to find more stable work to financially take care of Sarah, Eddie moved to Cedar Falls in 1914, but he went back and forth to New Orleans to visit Sarah. Sarah didn't move with him initially, but co-workers in Cedar Falls raised enough money to bring her to Cedar Falls from New Orleans. Eddie was surprised by her arrival at the train depot in downtown Cedar Falls since he didn't know that his co-workers had raised the money to bring her. For many years, Eddie

and Sarah lived together in a one-room home in the wooded area north of the Cedar River in Cedar City.

While Eddie loved to tell stories and entertain people, Sarah didn't talk as much as Eddie, though she did say of him, “His tongue runs like a bell clapper.” Though Eddie had opportunities to travel more for work, he chose to stay with Sarah at home more often than not, to take care of her as he had promised her father before they got married. Both of them were also religious and believed in the love that God provided them.

Over the years, Eddie developed many views on marriage as a concept. In one interview he said, “Your families have to know what your intentions are, like how you came to love the person you do. You have to explain that.”

Eddie and Sarah shared 73 years of marriage before Eddie died on October 3, 1984. Sarah died in the Windsor Care Center due to complications of old age in January of 1987. They are buried together at Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens.

