

***Maricopa County Sheriff's Office***  
***Joe Arpaio, Sheriff***  
***News Brief***

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***A Real Rarity by Today's Standards***

In a world where 50 percent of all marriages end in divorce, it is a real rarity that any marriage lasts for 50 years. But today, one well known and highly visible local married couple celebrates that fact.

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio and his wife Ava married on this day in 1957.

They lived all over the world together from Turkey to Mexico during the 32 years Joe Arpaio was with the D.E.A. They raised two children together in that time. And they have enjoyed during the 15 year tenure as Sheriff and First Lady of Maricopa County and together, they look forward to more years in that role.

“She’s been my rock and my best friend since the day I met her,” Arpaio says. “I can only hope the next 50 years are as great as the first fifty.”

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