

The Best Wedding

A lot of brides want their wedding to be perfect. They pay a lot of money to have pretty dresses and flowers. They buy a huge cake. But I want to get married like my great grandma, Flora Bell: over an ironing board. Flora Bell was in love with a farmer named Wiley. They wanted to get married and buy a house. They could have waited and had a church wedding, but the glamor of their wedding wasn't important to them. The house they wanted might have sold while they waited to send out invites and book the church. Instead, they were engaged for as long as it took them to walk to the preacher's house. The preacher's wife called her husband out of the field. They set up an ironing board in the living room as an altar. The preacher married them. His wife was the witness. It was a simple wedding, but they were just as married as everybody else.