

ALAN ZIEGLER AND LEROY FITZWATER

MARRIED 5+ YEARS • TOGETHER 13 YEARS

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Alan is a physical therapist, and LeRoy is an engineer.

HOW THEY MET

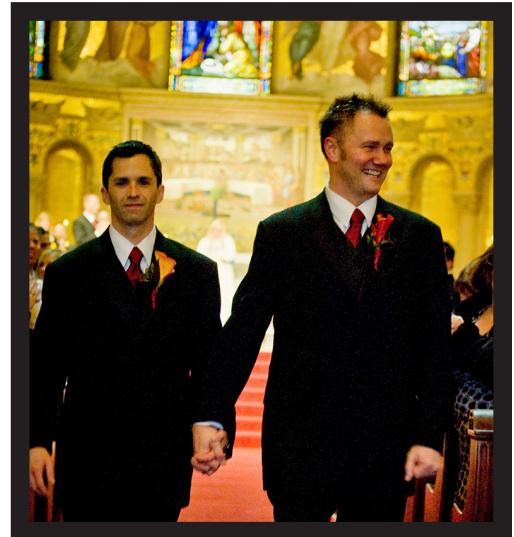
They met at a friend's birthday party. During a dinner conversation Alan knew LeRoy was the man he wanted to marry. *Not only was he attractive, smart, and responsible, but he also talked about his family – a lot. Family is very important to both of us and I could tell he loves his family as much as I love mine.*

WHY MARRIAGE MATTERS

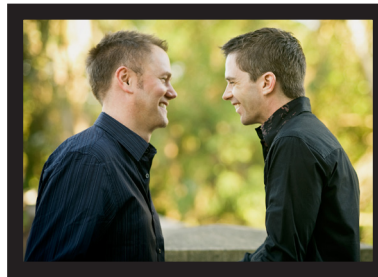
[Alan] Marriage matters to me because my relationship needs the same recognition as that of my parents, that of my brother.

Marriage matters to me because I want people to know that we are a couple in love. Marriage matters to me because I love LeRoy Fitzwater and we are going to spend our life together.

[LeRoy] Marriage demonstrates a commitment between two people to love, care and support each other through their lives together with the implied direct and indirect support of their families, the community, and the State. Each plays a role based on rights and responsibilities to support that commitment to the married couple. Alan and I love each other; we are married because we are committed to providing for each other's well being.



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THEIR MARRIAGE

Alan and LeRoy were married at Stanford Memorial Church in Stanford, California. Recently, a transfer at LeRoy's employment required them to leave California and move to Missouri. While they are excited to be living closer to family, they are troubled by the fact that, in the eyes of Missouri's law, it is as if they were never married. They are concerned that simply moving to Missouri has cost them the legal benefits of being married.



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