

Love Story



Atosha & Charles

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Charles = Southern country boy that loves all things football, hunting, retired military, engineer, sci-fi fanatic, that can build/fix anything!

Atosha = Northern city girl, loves EVERYTHING PINK, party fanatic, whimsical, believes in miracles, speaks 4 languages, over-achiever with OCD. We are Larger Than Life Events and Design; a full service event planning and design company based in SC for available for travel domestically and internationally.



We met online. LOL Charles found my profile online back when yahoo im was a big thing. I used to own a Plus-Size social club: Larger Than Life BBW. We hosted monthly social events all throughout SC and NC. Since I was the owner I received a ton of im's daily from random people from all over the world. Charles was super persistent and eventually our online chatting lead to on the phone chatting. After weeks of late night phone chats we agreed to meet in person. We dated for like 2 months back in 2006, but after realizing that this "thing" was starting to get serious Charles bailed after a weekend trip. Atosha never heard from him again. Fast forward to 2009. Atosha moved from Columbia, SC to Charleston SC by that time and was working for a new company. Probably a week before Thanksgiving my phone rings..

The first thing out of his mouth was "I was in church and the preacher was preaching and I wanted to cry!" LOL I told him that was the Holy Ghost wanting to release some things from him. So that was it.. Our conversation from that point on was about the Bible and God. We read together, prayed together and went through Consecration together January 2010. Our relationship was completely different from before because we were both saved. Charles drove through the freak snow storm on February 12, 2010 from Mullins to Charleston, SC. His proposal "I don't care if I have a million bad days but I know that it will be ok if I am with you". We went through pre-marital counseling and that process strengthened our relationship even further. Our original wedding date was 1/1/11 but Charles took a job offer in Afghanistan and was going to leave on July 3. We got married by our elder in the Church office on 6/20/10.





What advice would you give to a young couple just starting out & thinking about the “next step”?

Charles – patience! Lots of patience! Things are not going to always go right the 1st or 2nd time but just be cool it will work out. And a lot of understanding!

Atosha – Don’t rush things. Be honest. Have realistic expectations about what traits you want in your life partner. Pray. Pray some more.

What advice would you give a woman/man looking for “The One”?

Charles- I had given up on being in love and marriage after my first marriage ended. “The One” will reveal themselves to you – just be open and ready. Let go of all that baggage.

Atosha – You don’t have to look. Your God ordained mate will find you.





How did you know that he/she was “The One”?

Charles – singing “the way you make me feel”.... Seriously, no matter how upset I am she can always make me smile, be happy, feel good. Just being next to her I get this warm feeling. I never felt that way before. She is always smiling and cares so much for other people. That’s my wife!

Atosha - I always saw the greatness in Charles even when we dated that short time in 2006. There was something about him that I just could never really shake. When he called me that day all I could do was smile. He has always supported me in anything that I do. He makes me a better person and I think we compliment each other well. The added bonus is that he loves Jesus and we can pray together. After being in church with me on 1/24 (my birthday) for nearly 7 hours – that confirmed it for me. He was the one! Atosha and Charles are Larger Than Life Events and Design; a full service event planning and design company based in SC and available for travel

