

We're Celebrating *50 Years of Love* in Newport News!

~Share your "*50 Years of Love*" stories with us for a chance to win a \$50 gift card~

Newport News, VA, July 29, 2019 – Did you know that 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the *Virginia is for Lovers* tourism slogan? To tie in with this special golden anniversary, we're seeking stories about Newport News that date back to 1969 or earlier. Please share your 50-year memories with us during our *50 Years of Love* promotion! We'll be posting memories on Facebook and Instagram every Friday for 50 days – and we'd love to have yours, too, including your old photos!

- What movies did you see at the Village Theatre before it became the Peninsula Community Theatre?
- Did you grow up having family reunions in Newport News Park or any of the other parks in the city?
- What Newport News attractions did your parents and grandparents take you to in the 1960s or even earlier?
- What sports did you play and on what fields in 1960s Newport News?
- If you've been married 50 years or more, tell us your "*50 Years of Love in Newport News*" love story!
- Do the Virginia War Museum and the U.S. Army Transportation Museum look the same today as they did when you were a kid? How so?
- What are your oldest memories of the The Mariners' Museum and the Virginia Living Museum?
- Were you as scared crossing the old James River Bridge as we were?

And let's not forget the Newport News businesses that have been around for at least a half century, too! Tell us your favorite stories about some of these places and more!

- Did your parents take you to Dean & Don's every fall to pick out the perfect pumpkin?
- Did you celebrate special occasions at Port Arthur?
- Was the Hot Dog King your favorite restaurant as a kid?
- Did your grandmother store her furs for the summer at Silverman's?
- Were hot summer nights spent at Monte's Penguin for soft-serve ice cream?
- Did you eat at the wooden picnic tables behind What-A-Burger?
- Who remembers the soda fountain at Hidenwood Pharmacy?
- Did your engagement ring – or another piece of special jewelry – come from Hauser's?

Share your story in one of three ways:

1. Visit our [Facebook page](#) and look for our Friday posts to share your memory in the comments.
2. Send us a direct message through Facebook Messenger.
3. Email us at tourism-mailing@nnva.gov.

And please use the following hash tags so we can keep track of your submission: #LOVENN, #LOVEVA, and #SHAREWHATYOULOVE. As a thank you for sharing your 50-year memory of Newport News with us, you will be entered to win a \$50 gift card. Stay tuned for other possible prizes, too, depending on how many memories are shared during our *50 Years of Love* promotion, which started July 26 and runs through Sept. 13.