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*A man's greatest treasure is his wife- she is a gift from the LORD.*

Proverbs 18:22, CEV



**Dedicated to my Mary Lou,  
my gift from God  
of 48+ years**



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