

# Tying the Knot



Skipp and Mary Calvert on their wedding day, Dec. 17, 1978.

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## *There's something about Mary*

Local couple forge 42-year marriage after  
four proposals and a surprise wedding

What's the secret to a long and happy marriage? According to local couple Mary and Skipp Calvert, the answer is simple: start it off with some mild deception. Months of it.

Mary, who received four proposals from Skipp before finally saying yes, decided that the little lies were a necessary evil to throw him a surprise wedding. Keeping Skipp in the dark, however, was no easy feat.

While Skipp had planned to wed Mary, the day he expected to say his vows was not Dec. 17, 1978. He thought their wedding would be later, or at least on a day they would discuss and agree upon.

BY WILL SCHICK

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After multiple postponements and a brush with COVID-19, Alexandra Millson-Myers and Joe Myers pulled off a successful wedding during the pandemic on March 13, 2021.

## *Perfectly imperfect*

Alexandria couple pulls off pandemic wedding despite challenges

BY CODY MELLO-KLEIN

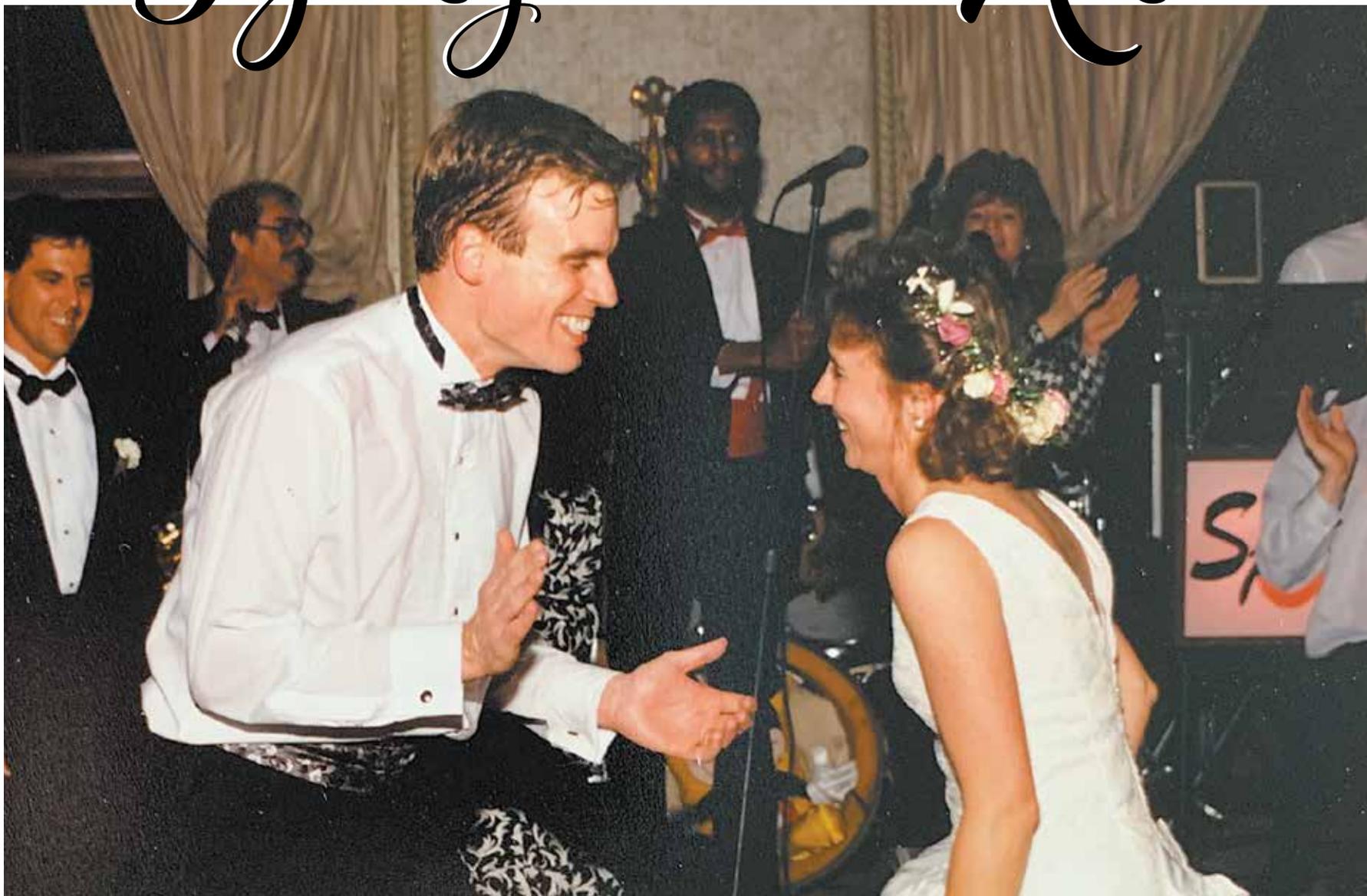
When Alexandra Millson-Myers walked down the aisle on March 13, 2021 to marry her fiancé Joe Myers, everything seemed too good to be true. Sure, she had postponed her wedding twice due to COVID-19 – including once because she and her entire family had tested positive – but on the day itself, all she could see was Joe’s smiling face ahead of her.

Alexandra was so caught up in the moment that as she was walking down the aisle with her father, she forgot to bring her bouquet. It didn’t matter.

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Mark Warner and Lisa Collis dance together during their wedding reception at what is now the St. Regis Hotel in Washington D.C. on April 15, 1989.

## From pretzels to politics

The journey of Mark Warner and Lisa Collis since a chance meeting at a keg party in '84

BY CODY MELLO-KLEIN AND DENISE DUNBAR

The 32 years since U.S. Sen. Mark Warner and his wife Lisa Collis married have included business success, an active family life and a flourishing political career that is the culmination of a long-cherished dream for Mark and something the more-reserved Lisa has navigated on her own terms.

But before all of that, there was a beer and pretzels party in 1984 at the home in D.C. where Mark was living with a bunch of guys. Things between the two of them got off to an inauspicious start that night.

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