

Two Cups of Coffee

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Dick Elsley and I were sitting in the classroom in the basement of The Commons at Illinois Institute of Technology, waiting for Bill Worley's system programming class CS 350 to start. I told him that I had asked out a girl (Ruth Nothmann, whose name and contact information I had received after signing up for Operation Match, an early computer dating service run at Harvard University) to go on a blind date; I had asked her to go to Second City and he told me that I was crazy to go on a blind date to such an expensive place. He said I should just have asked her to go for coffee. I told him that I'd had a 2 hour phone conversation with her the night before and that I was confident it would not be a waste of money. We bet 2 cups of coffee on it; he lost! He started referring to her as "two cups of coffee Ruth".

We were married close to 50 years.

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