



The big day finally has come! Days of our Lives made history, and it was no April fools joke. The show is known for its long standing reputation for having storylines that are firsts, or tackling controversial subjects, or going out on a limb. I mean who can forget being possessed by the devil? Well! The show just aired the first gay male wedding making the first such event in daytime television.

The story was handled impeccably, and done tastefully. The same sex relationship has been moving slowly through trials and tribulations for the last several years.

First there was the acknowledging who you are. Then the accepting, and finally the coming out. And now the jubilant wedding of the duo known as WilSon. Will Horton (Guy Wilson) and Sonny Kiriakis (Freddie Smith) is taking the relationship into orbit, or like the old original Star Trek show said, 'to go where no man has gone before,' at least not on a daytime drama.

Setting the stage: Will had a hard time accepting his feelings, he turned to alcohol, had a baby, when he came out the moment was riveting. Who can he trust? His Grandma, brilliantly played by veteran Deidre Hall (Marlena). In fact, one of Will's lines were 'who would of thought my Grandmother would be my best friend,' In fact, it was Marlena that became ordained and married the couple. At first hearing that Will is gay his mother, Sami, (Alison Sweeney) of course went ballistic. Sonny's parents were more accepting, but at times the mother, Adrienne (Judi Evans) had her reservations, but mostly she did not like the family baggage that Will carried.

But in the end, everyone came together and fully supported the relationship, making this a special moment celebrating two people in love. What makes this story unique is that Will and Sonny are not the stereotypical "gay," but the most average looking two people on the street.

Both Wilson and Smith agree. "Men are men. You don't need to act or look a certain way to show love," they said. "Love is love. It's about finding that special person to share your life with."

For Wilson this is the highest privilege as an actor to play such a role. "Oh without a doubt. This story has much social implication, and what an honor it is to get this message out. And people will come to accept in hopefully a rather short period of time."

Smith also added that he hopes in time this will not be an issue. "I hope in two to three years this will not be a stumbling block and it should not be one. This is about bringing two people together."

Any pre-wedding jitters? (Both laughing) "Of course. I had to get down on one knee and I never did this in my life," Smith said. Wilson explained, "For me the jitters were not in a bad way, because I just knew and felt that I was doing something right. For me this is a very special event."

Wilson took over the role of Will a few months ago and said that when he learned he had gotten the part, he never felt that way before. "I was overjoyed. I couldn't wait to scream it to the world, but of course, I could not. I'm thrilled to be Will and I hope that Will and Sonny have a great longevity with the show. Before I became a part of the show I knew who Will Horton was, but now to be playing him is an honor."

The wedding took a full day to shoot. Everyone was done by 8:30 PM. Wilson and Smith said the process was interesting, a wall was added and there were different camera shots used. Both Wilson and Smith said that when the show aired, they both were glued to the screen. "I knew I'd have to watch it. Doing it was one thing, but to see how it will play will probably look completely different," Smith said.

The church was made up of all extended Days of our Lives family, and what a joy to have Deidre Hall officiate the ceremony. "You know I was thrilled in the storyline. Who else, but my Grandma Marlena?" Wilson jubilantly said. "She did a terrific job. Everything was just wonderful how it played out. For Freddie and I this is so overwhelming to be a part of a historical event."

Both Wilson and Smith agreed that this was a monumental occasion, but hope that soon it will not be and it will just be viewed as two people who love each other are together. They also want

the marriage to grow, possibly extend the family and share in all the joys a marriage brings.

"I want everyone to know that the writers' did a great job, and everyone else that was involved in bringing this story forward," Wilson said

Judi Evans (Adrienne, Sonny's mom) agreed. "I was thrilled to be a part of this special occasion. These are people. We as a society tend to focus too much on gender, religion, and how much money you have etc...You know when you're born you come in with nothing and when you die you leave with nothing, but it is what is in between that counts. It is love and good will."

Many viewers loved the storyline and wedding, but for Margaret Obliniak of Minnesota this had extra special meaning. "My son is gay. He is 23 years-old and recently came out. I was floored, angry, and began to despise him," she said. "I have never watched Days of our Lives until a friend told me and I must say what I have learned from this story on humanity and acceptance is...let's just say I'm a changed woman. I love my son and was there front and center for his wedding and could not be prouder."

Soapdom wants to know if you both have anything to say to your fans? "Yes! You all have our deepest gratitude. Thank You for your support and love it's a blessing. We hope you continue watching. Yes! There will be some bumps ahead, but like in any normal relationship. But again...this is all about bringing two people together that love each other. That is the end of the story." Wilson and Smith said.



