

Family Ties

Ginny could not believe what she was hearing. It just could not be true. There was no way that this could be real. She had waited all her life for this day, and in one fell swoop, her dreams are now her nightmare. Please God! Let me just wake up!

There was no waking up from this one. No matter how much she hoped and dreamed this would all be some sort of sick, cruel joke. On her wedding day, of all days! There was no denying what she was being told. The undeniable proof was there. No one saw it coming, but Grammy had her suspicions from the first time she saw him. Now, they have been confirmed. Ginny's life as she knew it, no longer existed. How could Pop and Mama be so calm. This definitely impacted them too.

This 25-year-old secret had come to roost. One foolish, careless, irresponsible decision was about to cost them everything! Ginny could not believe they had not shared this before. Grammy just said, "It's not my story to tell.", so she didn't. Now, everyone will know. There is no keeping this secret any longer.

Ginny never did mind being an only child, most of the time. Afterall, her parents and grandparents doted on her. But on those gloomy inside the house days, she would always wish there was a sibling, just to keep her company. Her parents never brought that one this to fruition, or so she thought.

Pop had been angry one night 25 years ago, and did the one thing he should not have done, He found his single boys and decided to hang with them. It was not unusual for a Saturday morning, but a Friday night?! And Serenity was right there, to soothe his ego and make him "feel like a man"! Pop didn't even remember getting into her car. He

definitely didn't remember hooking up in the back seat of the car. Had he really drank that much? When he came to his senses, he was mortified! Serenity had the "no harm, no foul" attitude, and assured him their paths never had to cross again. They never did. He eventually told Mama, who eventually forgave him. The road to forgiveness can be a long one, but it is a road well-traveled. Pop and Mama focused on Ginny and eventually grew closer than ever before.

Grammy had her suspicions, but never discussed it with her son. Then one day she met Barrington, and she felt like déjà vu! Grammy did her research but was a dime short and a day light. Her granddaughter Ginny was getting married today. The day all the pieces fell into place. Ginny was about to marry the love of her life, Barrington. But the wedding could not take place. Ginny could not marry her brother! Meeting the Mother-of-the-Groom sealed it. Serenity. Barrington's mother. Pop's one night stand! These families ties were too much for Ginny to bear. She collapsed on the floor. When Barrington rushed to her side, suddenly Ginny's family, who had adored him, denied him access. As Pop picked up Ginny's limp body, Serenity to her son by his arm, to lead him out of the earshot of everyone in the room, but someone heard her say, "Son, we must talk. Families ties that bind us together are binding you to others too."