

WINTER'S WIFE

Hi. I'm a winter wife. To some people they may wonder domestically what's so different. But changes are in the making, when summer leaves us and winter approaches. As we leave dinner conversations of wet spots and pythium behind us, I must freshen up on, over budgeting and snow mold. At dinner I must ask hubby not to refer to the broth in my Voykin chicken soup as mycelium and inform him it's salt and pepper he wants added, not the S.P. Our children will be so happy when daddy leaves his duty on the board because they are so tired of everytime they want a second piece of meat, it has to be voted on and seconded and then passed. I've asked our children not to spread our family conversations around our neighborhood, because last time it caused quite a commotion. Our small daughter told her friend "my daddy has fairy ring". Why, I received a call the instant her little friend got home. It was quickly dispensed, but things like this are quite embarrassing unless someone is familiar with the terminology of a golf superintendent. My son is a fast talker and misses words at times, so as most lay people believe, Supt's have all winter off, when snow arrives. What I'm getting to is this, on many inquiries as where his father was when it was snowing, instead of coming across with "he's plowing", he'd shorten it and say "he's plowed". We wouldn't trade the darlings in for the world. In retrospect our husbands wouldn't change what they have.

For me I see much correlation of fall and being a mother. As the leaves change, my little children are changing. Trees grow almost as fast as the innocent minds of my children grow. Is there really a difference between mother nature and mother. Everything must grow and be nurtured, but for all, we must learn when to let go. Mother nature lets go of her productions every fall, mine is yet to come. May I surrender what I think is so rightly mine, not to a winter, spring, summer or fall, but a respectful, loving, Christian human being, who will know his or her identity and be as proud as I am of it.

As for being a Winter's Wife, it's marvelous. Who knows, come May, I just might keep my mittens and scarf on.

Mrs. Grass "L"

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