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## Stolen ring returned to Cheektowaga couple

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CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. (WIVB) - **UPDATE: The couple's family say the rings have been returned Thursday evening!**

**Thank you for sharing this story.**

(WIVB) - A Cheektowaga couple who have been together for almost 70 years is asking the City of Good Neighbors for their help.

They say last weekend, during a garage sale, a man stole the couple's wedding ring.

Ray and Dottie Rusek are downsizing homes and moving to Florida. They held a garage sale at their home last Saturday when they say a man made his way into their bedroom and took off with Dottie's wedding

ring, cash and other jewelry.

"I told him no bedrooms and he proceeded and I should've got up and followed, but I didn't. Money can be replaced, but rings can't," said Ray Rusek.

"This ring represents 69 plus years of my life, my travels, my joys, my sorrows. It's the circle of my life and it's important to me," said Dottie Rusek.

The Rusek's met in 1947, five years after Ray served in the U.S. Army. The two met at an Easter dance and from there, it was history.

"I said see that girl, I'm going to marry that girl and they said you're not, and I said watch me," said Ray.

Two years later the couple married.

For the next 69 years, the Rusek's would stand side by side through everything, including three children, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

For seven decades Dottie would wear her wedding ring, now missing, through it all with her initials engraved on the back of the ring.

The family is now hoping for a miracle because it's not just a ring, it's the 69 years of memories behind it.

The family is offering a \$1,000 reward for the return of the ring.

If anyone knows where this ring may be, you're asked to contact Cheektowaga Police.

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