

## Meet

### Richard & Mildred Loving



*The claim: Richard and Mildred Loving were convicted for being in an interracial marriage and later won a 1967 Supreme Court case that declared a Virginia law prohibiting mixed-race marriage unconstitutional*

National Loving Day is on June 12, and the name for this day is an interesting one. The holiday is, of course, about spreading love but, ironically, it also references the names of Mildred and Richard Loving, who fought against the laws confining them and everyone else from marrying inter racially.

## Their Story

The Loving's were arrested and given a one-year suspended sentence because they were a married interracial couple. Their union was a criminal act in Virginia because Richard was white, Mildred was black, and the state's Racial Integrity Act, passed in 1924, criminalized interracial marriage.

Judge Leon M. Bazile then sentenced them to a one-year jail term, which he agreed to suspend if the Lovings would leave Virginia and not return for 25 years. The pair moved to Washington, but were unhappy there, according to the Post. The pair moved to Washington, but were unhappy there.

In 1964, Mildred Loving wrote a letter to U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy to ask for his assistance. Kennedy referred the couple to the American Civil Liberties Union. In a landmark decision, the Supreme Court declared the Virginia law prohibiting mixed-race marriage unconstitutional on June 12, 1967, which legalized interracial marriage in every state.

## June 12, 2022 NATIONAL LOVING DAY

### Why National Loving Day?



It is a known fact that there is no discrimination when it comes to love and the way to proclaim this fact is to celebrate National Loving Day. The world, as we know it, comprises different people from different races, backgrounds, ethnicities, cultures, tastes, preferences, etc. It is a diverse place and yet love is a common thread tying us all together.

Celebrating this day is to honor the bravery of the Loving couple who fought for their rights and that of others like them across the country.

## Would you like to learn more about the Loving's story ?

You can watch their Bio, Drama,  
Romance  
Released in 2016 on Netflix



## DID YOU KNOW?



- ❖ Compared to only 3% of newlyweds who intermarried in the year 1967, nearly 11 million people intermarried in the year 2015.
- ❖ Despite the increase in the number of interracial marriages and relationships, they are still looked upon with judgment by many. In the long run however it is believed that interracial relationships will help close the gap between multiple ethnicities, 2017.
- ❖ 18% of African-Americans marry someone of a different ethnicity or race, according to the interracial relationship statistics.
- ❖ 26% of Hispanic newlywed men have a spouse of a different ethnicity or race.
- ❖ Interracial couples statistics reveal that Honolulu, Hawaii, has the highest rate of interracial marriages in America— 42%.
- ❖ 20% of African American-Caucasian couples divorce compared with 13.5% of Hispanic-Caucasian couples.
- ❖ The US interracial marriage statistics show that 10% of the population (11 million people) are currently in mixed-race unions.
- ❖ 22% of Americans believe that multi-racial kids are good for society.