

DONOR DONEE

ALLY & RUDY MASRY



Allison Masry is always with her husband, Rudolph, even when they're miles apart. That's because, in 2003, Ally donated a kidney to Rudy, who suffered from end stage renal failure. Ally's vanity plate proclaims, **DONOR**, and Rudy's proclaims, **DONEE**.

"It was almost kind of selfish on my part to donate a kidney to Rudy. He was on dialysis three times each week, and it controlled our lives," Ally said, modestly, but candidly. Later, she admitted that she donated a kidney to Rudy, "because I love him."

A couple since 1965, Ally and Rudy met at work. She was a textile designer in a family-owned business; he was a new salesman. She just wanted to be left alone after breaking up with a boyfriend; he was intensely smitten. She finally agreed to date him, but



only if they went to see the new Beatles movie, "HELP" – she is a huge Beatles fan. They have been holding hands ever since.

Any observer can see that, after more than four decades of marriage, Ally and Rudy are still best friends. "We're both retired, Ally is almost always with me, and, I still adore her after all these years," Rudy said, as he and Ally kissed, and then smiled at each other.

