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Anmaree Osmond
Calls it puppy love.

Paper Roses, Puppy Love and Purple Socks

I have had trouble with my last name my whole life. My last name is Osmond and yes, I am related to the famous Osmonds. Marie is my aunt, Donny is my uncle...Paper Roses, Puppy Love, Purple Socks, One Bad Apple, etc. Most people think it's really cool that I have famous relatives, and it is, but sometimes it can be really annoying too.

I distinctly remember the first time that I realized my last name would cause me problems. I was in third grade and this new girl came into my class. For some reason she did not like me very much. She would invite my friends to play with her but would leave me out. A few days later, she found out my last name. She found out that I was Donny Osmond's niece and suddenly I became cool. It's amazing how it magically happened. Suddenly this girl who had so rudely ignored me before was trying to be my best friend. She gave me valuable gifts such as pencil sharpeners, chapstick, and markers. I was so confused. I didn't like it.

Throughout the years, similar things have happened. Sometimes people have found out my last name and have automatically assumed that I am a rich, stuck-up brat so they don't like me. Some, in an attempt to be funny ask questions like, "Are you a little bit Country or a little bit Rock 'n' Roll?" The answer to that, by the way, for those who may be tempted to ask, is definitely Rock 'n' Roll.

I have found it easier sometimes to just not tell people my last name. Eventually people find out, but by then they already know me and know that I am not stuck-up and definitely not rich. Sometimes I can't hide my last name, though. Every time I write a check or use my credit card, people see it, and everyone seems to have an Osmond story such as, "My friend's uncle's roommate's ex-girlfriend's cousin went on a date with Donny," or "My husband's uncle was Marie's home teacher," or even "My boyfriend's mom knows this guy whose dad built Alan's house."

Well, now that I am in sales, I have really learned to appreciate my last name. In fact, if I ever get married, I may have to become one of those women who hyphenates. I'll be known as Anmaree Osmond-Depp (yes, as in Johnny). Sales is so hard for me. I know that salespeople can sometimes be considered annoying, but please remember that salespeople are people too. Anyway, since I know how some people feel about salespeople, every time I call someone or meet with someone, I get tongue-tied. If someone notices my last name and has a story, it is so great. It gets the conversation going just enough so that I can relax.

So...if you ever meet with me or just talk with me on the phone and you feel the urge to make a comment about purple socks or you want to tell me about how your Aunt Peggy once sat next to Donny at Raiders of the Lost Ark, then, by all means, do it.

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