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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

IN RE MARRIAGE OF ELAINE MARIE WIRTZ AND ALVIN PAUL WIRTZ

Upon the Petition of	)	
ELAINE MARIE WIRTZ,	)	Filed June 30, 1978
Appellee,	)	
And Concerning	)	562
ALVIN PAUL WIRTZ,	)	3-61184
Appellant.	)	

Appeal from Palo Alto District Court - Tom Hamilton, Judge.

Respondent-husband appeals custody provision of the trial court's decree and seeks award of family home. - Affirmed.

Dick Montgomery, of James, Greer, Hoover, Nelson, Bertell, Montgomery & Barry, Spencer, for Appellant.

Francis Fitzgibbons, of Fitzgibbons Brothers, Estherville, for Appellee.

Heard by Allbee, C.J., and Donielson, Snell, Oxberger and Carter, JJ.

PER CURIAM

Respondent Alvin Paul Wirtz appeals the trial court decision that petitioner Elaine Marie Wirtz should be the custodial parent to their three minor children. Along with custody, Alvin seeks an award of the family residence so that the children can remain in their accustomed environment. Affirmed.

The trial court commended each parent for the love, concern and devotion which had produced healthy, active and happy youngsters. In making the difficult choice between caring parents, the court acknowledged that Elaine had provided throughout infancy and childhood for the children's routine basic care. On appeal Alvin continues his attack upon Elaine's fitness as a mother because she, in his terms, has repeatedly chosen to be an adultress. Our de novo review of the full record persuades us the trial court duly considered Elaine's admitted indiscretions, and the others alleged by Alvin, and concluded no adverse effect upon the children had been disclosed. See *In re Marriage of Morton*, 244 N.W.2d 819, 822 (Iowa 1976) and *In re Marriage of Forest*, 201 N.W.2d 728, 729 (Iowa 1972).

We think the trial court properly found that although Alvin's relationship with his children had intensified as the marriage faltered, it was largely characterized as one of sharing "good times" with the children. The trial court properly weighed which parent had logged in the real experience of child rearing. See *In re Marriage of McFarland*, 239 N.W.2d 175, 178 (Iowa 1976). Further, we are convinced that the trial court was correct in leaving custody of the children where the parties and events had placed them. See *In re Marriage of Guyer*, 238 N.W.2d 794, 796 (Iowa 1976). Placing custody with Elaine with liberal visitation in Alvin will best serve the long range best interests of the children since it allows the children to continue to receive and enjoy the love and concern of two active parents.

Our custody decision disposes of Alvin's claim to the family residence since the only ground for such claim was the desire the children remain in their familiar home.

AFFIRMED.