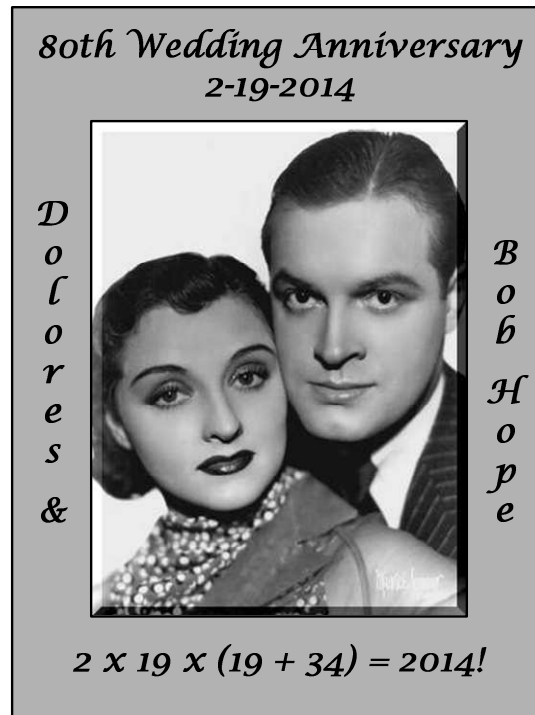


**80th Anniversary of Bob Hope's Marriage with Dolores Reade is a Numerical Brainteaser**  
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Tomorrow, February 19, 2014, marks the 80th anniversary of famous comedian Bob Hope's (May 29, 1903-July 27, 2003) marriage to singer Dolores Reade (May 27, 1909-September 19, 2011) [1, 2]. They got married on February 19, 1934, in Erie, Pennsylvania, and their marriage lasted for 69 years, until Bob's death in 2003, at age 100. (Dolores died in 2011, at age 102.)

Interestingly enough, Bob and Dolores Hope's marriage date is secretly coded in the 80th anniversary year of their marriage. How?

2014 equals  $2 \times 19 \times 53$ , where 53 is  $19 + 34$ . So, if 2014 is written in the form  $2 \times 19 \times (19 + 34)$ , these four numbers side by side make 2-19-1934 (or simply, 2191934), that is, the full calendar date when Bob and Dolores got married, 80 years ago. Isn't this a fun tidbit to help us remember one of Hollywood's most enduring couple, on the 80th anniversary of their marriage?

[1] Bob Hope, Wikipedia  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bob\\_Hope](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bob_Hope)

[2] Dolores Hope, Wikipedia  
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