



# Clark County Museum

## Candlelight Wedding Chapel

**Built: 1966**

**Style: Gothic Revival**

**Original address: 2855 Las Vegas Blvd. Las Vegas NV 89109, across the street from Circus Circus**

**Moved: January 2007**

**Opened for exhibit: November 2009**



The Candlelight Wedding Chapel opened in 1968 as the Little Church of the West Algiers. The owner, Marion Hicks, also owned the Algiers Hotel. Later it became the All Religions Wedding Chapel, and finally, the Candlelight Wedding Chapel. In the 1970s Gordon Gust came to work there and ended up buying the business, although not the property or building.



During his more than 30 years there, Gust saw many celebrity weddings and claims the record for the most weddings performed in a single day at any wedding chapel (425). Some of the celebrities married at the Chapel include Sir Michael Caine, Whoopi Goldberg, Bette Midler, Barry White, and Clayton Moore (the Lone Ranger). In 2004 the Candlelight closed and sat for a time vacant and vandalized. Gordon Gust generously purchased the building from its owner and donated it to the County. The County found money to move the building in early 2007, when it made its way down the Strip and out to Boulder Highway and its final home the Clark County Museum.

With grants from the Las Vegas Convention Center and Visitors Authority, the Nevada Commission on Cultural Affairs, and the Las Vegas Centennial Commission the building was restored and opened on November 14, 2009, in time for the Clark County Centennial celebration.

