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This year is the 11th year of Tennessee Valley Brides Magazine and it was a busy one. First off, we had many brides who were to be married in 2020. Due to the COVID situation, plans had to be changed and weddings had to be pushed back a year or more so 2021 was the year of catch-ups in many ways.

For me personally while planning this magazine, I had several full-circle moments. In the past 10 years I was a patient here in the Shoals of Dr. Mallette's. I remember sitting in his office waiting room and it was decorated with beautiful portraits of his gorgeous children – and, yes, they are all gorgeous, even the baby brother!

Vivian Mae Mallette one of Dr. Mallette's oldest daughters was wed this year and guess what...she is still gorgeous and so perfect for our cover. Vivian's wedding at her parents' home was classic and regal and made me fall in love with the color blue!

There was another full-circle moment for me that went into this year's issue.

My very own "Noahie" or "my favorite No. 10" got married!

The ties that Noah and I have run generations deep starting with my mom, his dad, myself, Noah, and in the past few years, I added little Reid to the mix. We are cousins on the family tree, but the bond we have is much closer than that.

We all played a part in each other's wedding throughout the years, but more importantly we play a bigger role in each other's lives. However, the part that made Noah's wedding hit print in this year's magazine isn't about him, our ties, his accomplishments, it was about his bride!

I remember hearing about an accident years ago that severely burned Katie Kirk and others one night and followed her journey somewhat through social media posts as she recovered. When Noah started dating Katie, I remembered her being significantly harmed in the accident years earlier.

After meeting Katie, seeing her love Noah, and joining our family I learned there was more to her than the scars that marked her. Katie's story is so much more, and I wanted to help her share it. Katie's story is forever unfolding, but now I am so excited to get a front-row seat to Katie and Noah's story and can't wait to see what is next. The Lord made beauty from ashes, and I was so excited to put on paper the journey Katie has been on the past several years.

To our local brides -- you continue to blow me away with your beauty and your special days that you choose to share with all of us.

I hope you all enjoy this year's edition of Tennessee Valley Brides.

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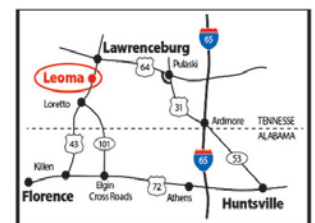
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Vivian Mallette : Bryce Black

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Vivian Mallette

Bryce Black

Story by CECILIA BRUMLEY

high school sweethearts

The first time Bryce and I met was in 2007 at Vacation Bible School. I was quietly sitting on the front row, when I felt a tap on my shoulder. I turned around and see a cute boy asking me what my name is. Excitedly, I replied "Vivian Mallette." This cute boy responded back with "yeah that's stupid" with a crowd of 8 year old boys giggling behind him.

Seven-year-old me never forgot this embarrassing incident as it was one of the first things I told Bryce nearly 10 years later. I had no idea that this "mean" boy would eventually be the man I intend to marry.

Coming from a small town, I've always heard of Bryce's name, but never knew anything other than that. It wasn't until we became friends almost a decade later that we realized not only did we live 5 minutes from each other, but the long history between our two families.

Living down the street from each other had its advantages from snow days on our 4-wheelers,

quick dates at The Pharmacy, weekly dinners with our families, and nightly walks – these memories in Florence truly molded the strong foundation of our relationship.

In spring 2014, a girl in my chorus class told me a boy named Bryce Black had a crush on me. It caught me off guard because I hadn't seen or heard about him in years.

Fast-forward a couple of months later, Martha Howard and I went to meet with a friend in Martin's parking lot. That friend brought along Bryce and we instantly hit it off. We went our separate ways but became the best of friends during this time.

As our friendship grew our feelings for each other developed.

The night of our first actual date I get a call from Bryce saying he wouldn't make the date because he thought he broke his foot.

I was so concerned for him and even more concerned that he took the time to casually call me as soon as the incident happened. Bryce said, "when I hurt my foot the only thing on my mind was Vivian."

Watching Bryce miss his senior year of football was so difficult. He had worked so hard for that season, but never once complained. Bryce was optimistic and held his head high. He never missed a practice, game, or event that year.

During this time, Bryce and I grew our relationship deeper. I knew that this was only the start to something so great.

On Oct. 3, 2015, Bryce finally asked me to be his girlfriend with my favorite candy and flowers on my door step. October has always been a special time for us and always will! We can't think of a better way to celebrate it than having our wedding the same exact weekend six years later.

Bryce went on to attend UAB in 2016 where he was a part of Alpha Tau Omega for four years.

We had such an amazing time getting to know and love the people of Birmingham during these years. We enjoyed many date nights, Sunday mornings at The Highlands, walking at Samford, and enjoyed spending time at breweries with friends. We truly love Birmingham.



The bride wore a custom confetti gown by Anne Barge with 3D leaf embroidery and a custom bow.

Stephanie Bevis Mallette,
mother of the bride with
bride, Vivian.



In 2017, I attended the University of Alabama graduating in three years while being apart of the Kappa Delta sorority. During my time at the university, Bryce and I enjoyed many Alabama wins, date nights, Carriage House Coffee, and walking at the River Walk.

Through ups and downs, one thing has remained our love for one another.

Bryce graduated in May 2020 and I graduated in July 2020. I moved to Sarasota, Florida, where I attended Medical Sales College spine program. Spending that time from Bryce was hard, but absence does make the heart grow fonder. Bryce and I spoke three times a day if not more. It was difficult, but the experience made things so clear for Bryce and I... We wanted to be together forever.

While I was gone, Bryce was wrapping up the dental school application process. I prayed endlessly for him, as he had worked so hard the past couple

of years since deciding he wanted to go to dental school. Bryce had his dental interviews as well as finding out he had been accepted while I was in Florida.

He was accepted to University of Louisville Dental School and we were so happy. After this time apart, we started talking about our future and where we saw it going. We both agreed that we wanted to live in the same city, so Bryce and I planned to visit Louisville after I graduated from Medical Sales College. Much to my surprise, the "visit to our future city" entailed a lot more than just driving up to tour the dental school.

-Vivian

The proposal

On Dec. 6, 2020 I asked Dr. and Mrs. Mallette for Vivian's hand in marriage. After receiving their approval, I diligently planned our proposal



Dr. & Mrs. James Elmore
Mallette III with bride,
Vivian Mae Mallette.

with the help of many family members over the coming months. I decided that Louisville would be an ideal place to propose, because Vivian would never anticipate a proposal since we had an excuse to travel there anyway. Therefore, I prepped Vivian for weeks into thinking that we are going to take a short, casual trip to Louisville, in order to get a feel for our future home for the next four years. I had looked at so many venues, parks, hotels, restaurants, stadiums, and more in Louisville I felt as if I had lived there for years despite only driving through once before. I finally narrowed down my



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options to proposing at Churchill Downs. Since this is a place where the Kentucky Derby has been held consecutively for 144 years, I thought it would give us a forever annual reminder of our special moment.

I scheduled a tour of Churchill Downs for the day we arrived and arranged for both of our parents to be hiding in the background to surprise Vivian after the question is popped. The week leading up to the big day I confidently and meticulously rehearsed the entire day in my head over and over to ensure it would be executed perfectly. On Feb. 5, 2021, Vivian and I woke up excitedly to travel to Louisville. Up until the moment we stepped out onto the twins spires balcony everything had went according to plan.

The plan was for the tour guide to ask if we wanted to take a picture. Of course, Vivian agreed, so we begin turning around towards the camera to get ready for the picture, and Vivian takes off her mask and shoves it in my jacket pocket where the ring was hidden! I look at her with a strange look to see if she noticed what she just felt with her hand. Luckily, she was too excited about the picture in front of the beautiful background she didn't even notice the ring in my pocket. After the picture was taken, I got down on a knee and proceed to say "Vivian

Mallette, will you marry me?" Vivian honestly couldn't tell if I was being serious, but seeing both of our parents pop out of their hidden balcony confirmed this was no longer "a little trip to Louisville."

I couldn't have been happier with how the proposal turned out. I'm so thankful for my family and Vivian's family for helping me make it such a special weekend. I will forever remember the huge smile and reaction on Vivian's face, as well as feeling on cloud 9 knowing I get to spend the rest of my life with a girl I've had a crush on for over six years. It was truly a weekend I will never forget.

-Bryce

The wedding

Vivian Mae Mallette and Bryce Hayden Black were married October 2, 2021 at 5:00 in the afternoon at First United Methodist Church in Florence with Stephen Huskey officiating. A reception was held at the Mallette home following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Doctor and Mrs. James Elmore Mallette, III. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Wray Bevis and Doctor and Mrs. James Elmore Mallette, Jr. She is also the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Bonnetha Cook.



Bride and groom's first look.



The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Keith Black. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ray Wilson, Margaret Ann Franks, Martha Kanzada Looney, and the late Gregory Black.

The bride wore a custom Confetti gown by Anne Barge with 3D leaf embroidery and a custom bow. She also wore an Anne Barge veil that was adorned with 3D lace.

Maids of honor were Madeline Susan Mallette of Sarasota, Fla. and Isabel Simmons Mallette of Oxford, Miss., both sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Catherine Elizabeth Shull, Anne Holland Lane, Martha Elizabeth Howard, Shelby Michelle Bevis,



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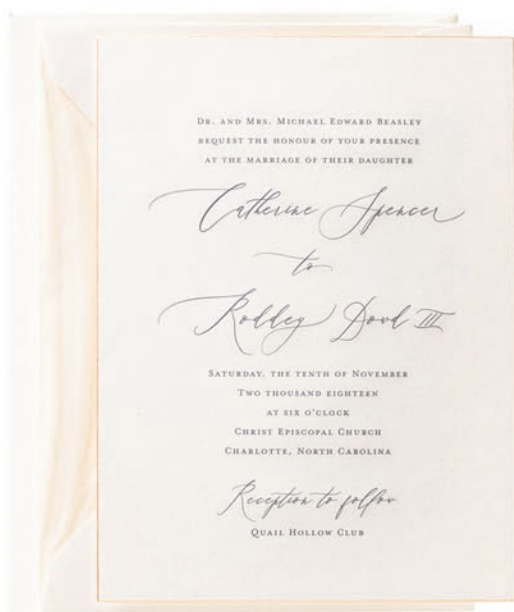
Collins Elizabeth Goodson, Chloe Delaney Yelkin, Kendall Nicole Wybenga, Katherine Grace Floyd, and Margaret Elizabeth Anderson. Flower girls were Margaret Estelle Butler and Eleanor Nicole Chowning.

Best men were Gregory Keith Black, father of the groom, and Brett Wilson Black, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were James Elmore Mallette, IV, brother of the bride; James David Bray, Alexander James Hall, Billy Jack Hill, III, Devin Todd Howton, Kelton Cliff Tully, and Stephen Seth Williamson. Ring bearer was Mitchell Wade Butler.

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Vivian and her bridesmaids dressed and prepped for the wedding at her parents' home.



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was Cindy Harrison of Florals by Cindy. Felicity String Quartet provided music for the ceremony, and the band Skyline Drive from Nashville, Tenn. entertained guests at the reception. The reception was catered by Narvell, Huntsville, the wedding cake was made by Sugarbakers in Florence, and the groom's

cake was made by Baby Bites Bakery in Huntsville. The bride's hairstylist was Lindsey Chowning Robinson. Make-up artists for the bride was Molly McCanless and Reagan Cunningham, and Laylla Howard was make-up artist for the bridesmaids. Photographer was Rebekah Handley of Rebekah Photography,

aunt of the bride, and videographer was Awaken Films. The bridesmaids' dresses were mist Alfred Sung gowns from Bella Bridesmaids and the flower girls wore custom lace heirloom dresses. The groomsmen's suits were from Party Pros, and the ring bearer wore a custom lace heirloom outfit. The rentals for the reception

were provided by Party Pros.

Vivian accepted a job as a spine sales specialist with Nuvasive and Bryce is a first year dental student at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

After a honeymoon at Unico Riviera Maya in Riviera Maya, Mexico, the newlyweds reside in Homewood.

The same ring bearer pillow was used for Vivian's wedding that was used at her parents' wedding 28½ years ago. The pillow was made by the bride's grandmother, Anita Mallette.



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The reception was held on the lawn of the Mallette home.





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BEAUTY FROM ASHES

by CECILIA BRUMLEY

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Katie Morgan Kirk was celebrating a friend's birthday on Feb. 7, 2015, trying to stay warm by cuddling up around a fire pit.

Then, in a flash, her life was changed forever.

Flammable material was poured on the fire causing an explosion that injured Katie and three of her friends.

In the east end of Lauderdale County, news of this horrific accident spread just as fast as the fire that night. The reality of the situation was much different than what most would have come to mind once hearing about the accident.

Katie's story might have started there, but it is still being written today.

That night still brings hard emotions from Katie because she doesn't like to talk about it.

It started a journey that not many will walk in life, but she continues to walk it almost seven years later.

Katie's walk is full of pain, grief, self-doubt and tears, but it is full of grace, joy and even more tears.

Katie, who grew up in the Greenhill community and graduated from Rogers High in 2011, recalls every aspect of that night as if it were yesterday. When she tells it, she remembers the first of a few things being the phone call to her mother, rushing to a mirror and the humiliation of being half clothed from the flames singeing her clothes.

She suffered burns to 60% of her body.

Katie was originally scheduled to be air-lifted to Huntsville Hospital. While enroute her condition declined rapidly, so she was

flown to UAB Hospital to be treated in the hospital's burn unit.

Katie's family arrived at UAB and were initially met with the news that it was unclear if Katie would be able to keep her left arm. She was then placed in a medically induced coma for seven days.

During those days, Katie underwent debridement surgery and two skin graft surgeries -- one to her chest and one on her arm.

When Katie woke up, doctors gave her an arduous outlook of a 4- to 6-month stay to be spent in the UAB Burn Center and then moving to the Spain Rehabilitation Center.

Katie remembers everything that happened that night. She remembers seeing that doctor for the first time and hearing what he laid before her, but in her head and heart she said to herself "you don't know me."

Katie knew she would heal better at home and that was her goal.

Those first seven days were followed by 14 days in a step-down unit, multiple surgeries and an overall goal of infection control.

Intense occupational therapy was started to retrieve movement in her arm and fingers.

Walking was then an obstacle since it had been more than 10 days since her feet had touched ground.

Chatter of the next move to Spain Rehab Facility began to take place, and it was terrifying for her. Facing time away from her family was nothing more than a jail sentence, and home was still her goal.

Day 22 rolled around and Katie went home.

To say that she was defying odds from the beginning, would be an understatement.

The physical limitations were only half of the new normal that faced her once arriving at home. Going from independently living her life to being back at home with her parents and relying fully on them to be her caregivers.

Once at home, the goal of staying infection free was still a top priority of everyone's especially her mom, Judy.

Judy was the nurse and the protector. So, no shoes, no jackets and no hugs for Katie by anyone. Everyone washed their hands and then was given instructions again "Do Not Touch Katie!"

"Doctors saved me, but my mom saved my life," Katie said as she began to fight back the tears.

During the time between February and November of 2015 Katie underwent anywhere from 20 to 28 surgeries. Reaching the final stages of reconstructive surgery, doctors said they had done all they could do.

Katie, still, had never been able to get a forehead graft to be successful, so the next big step that doctors wanted to do was to remove the left side of her face and preform a full facial graft. She had endured seven failed forehead grafts, two full arm grafts and two contracture releases.

"This is when it all changed for me," Katie said.

She had decided this was the end for her.

Her dad Mike, sister Hope and mom rallied around Katie and wasn't letting her

give in so easily.

With the intense scaring, her arm was beginning to heal.

Hope interjected and said, "This is your face, you need to think about this."

Katie still moved forward and scheduled the surgery.

"This is God!" exclaimed Katie with a little more joy and still fighting back tears. "The day before the surgery, the doctor from Birmingham called and cancelled on me."

Katie's father, who is a retired chemist and Vanderbilt graduate, stayed on top of his alma mater's medical advancements so he suggested that seeing what they could offer might be in the best interest for Katie.

With their home being a little easier of a drive to Vanderbilt, it just seemed like the next best step.

Katie remembers researching trauma doctors, burn doctors, plastic surgeons. The family researched them all. While sitting in the floor, twin sister Hope flipped a computer screen around and proclaimed, "This is the man that is going to fix your face!"

That doctor was Dr. John Blair Summit.

The next day, Judy contacted Dr. Summit's office and was told that he had to have records and recommendations before an appointment could even be scheduled.

Judy thought this was a brick wall, so on a whim, she emailed the address she found on his website at the bottom of the screen. She included photos and shared Katie's story and her road to recovery. With hopes and





prayers, Judy pressed "send."

Anxiety levels were high and doubts were lingering, but within 10 minutes Judy received an email with instructions to be at Dr. Summit's office at 8 a.m. the next day.

When Katie walked in and met Dr. Summit, she said he was the first doctor to do a full head to toe assessment in a year.

One week after that initial visit, Katie had a forehead graft and within four days it was healing and a new gameplan was made.

Dr. Summit told Katie, "I can never make you what you were before, but I can get you dang close."

She took those words and encouragement and found renewed strength to move forward.

Twenty surgeries and some laser and some stem cell fat grafts later, Katie found herself focusing on her

mental and physical health.

Fast forward to the summer of 2018, Katie and her twin sister traveled and spent some much needed "me" time together. During their time away Katie made the statement, "If I am going to meet a man he is going to have to come to my doorstep because I am not searching!"

Three weeks later, there on her doorstep stood Noah.

Katie and Hope had plans with friends to spend the day on the river. They were getting ready, and when the doorbell rang to alert them that their ride was there to get them, Katie opened the door and Noah was the one appointed from the group to let the girls know they were there to pick them up.

He caught Katie's attention from the start. Noah, at some point during that day, said to Katie "I like your swimsuit." Katie said that was the first time a man had ever made a



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statement about her physical appearance within the first 20 minutes of meeting her since her accident.

Katie said that when Noah said those words it was different. It wasn't from a place of pity, but it was a place where Katie felt safe.

"I never thought I would find someone that found me attractive again," she said.

That day on the river started a whirlwind for Katie and Noah.

August of 2019 rolled around, and Katie and Noah had plans to spend time in Huntsville with friends that day. They arrived early so they took a detour and stopped to spend some time at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens.

"We walked through and spent time laughing about me being in heels, just a

good relaxing time with my guy," she remembered. "We approached a Mideastern landscape and pond and when I looked around Noah had dropped to one knee and said all the mushy gushy stuff that girls dream about."

Katie answered with a profound, YES!

She had absolutely no clue that she would become engaged on that day. With wheels spinning and thinking of all the people she needed to call and couldn't wait to see her friends to show them her new ring, Katie found herself in tears she was realizing that what she had always dreamed of was really happening. It was her turn.

On that day, Noah along with the help of his mom, dad and Katie's family hired a photographer to hide out

at the botanical gardens to capture the engagement on film. Noah then planned to return to his parents' home and have all the people that would be on that list for Katie to call in the backyard anticipating the newly engaged couple to spend time together that night and celebrate.

Let the planning begin.

Katie and Noah decided that it was only fitting to have their wedding where she said "Yes." So, the Huntsville Botanical Gardens was the place and a date was set.

Due to all the uncertainties of COVID, plans and dreams changed so a destination wedding at the beach was what was meant to be. Katie's parents rented a home in Fort Morgan and the original date of June 12 was still a must.

Katie and Noah's friends and family loaded up and headed south for the nuptials and a few days of fun in the sun to celebrate the bride and groom.

Katie reflected on her accident, her recovery, her new-found love and life and still can't help but be emotional.

"In a world full of doubt and what-ifs, because my future is still full of my recovery, God still sent me the perfect piece to my story and that is Noah," she said. "The past few years have been so heavy, and I found someone to carry me through that and he doesn't mind the weight of it all. I thank God every day for putting me through it all to get me to this part of my story."

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Katie and Hope with their granny, Minerva Allen



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Katie has a message to the girls who are in the process of waiting:

*To the girls in progress,
I have always been the girl to doubt every detail of my life. The moments I wanted to control always seemed to have a way to remind me that I am far from in control of what my plan is. I want you to know, you are not alone. Stop wondering when your time will come, when you will have your moment to shine, or if it will ever happen. Start focusing on your journey. Your story.*

We are reminded daily that our lives are not "perfect" in the eyes of social media standards. We spend all of our time chasing a version of someone else's story. As women, we compare our lives to others who we think have it all. We think they have the perfect bodies, the perfect family, and the perfect home. We do not have to compare our bodies to the models we see on the internet and we do not have to live an extravagant lifestyle to keep up with others.

You are YOU and the best part of finding your person is finding out who that is and how they fit into YOUR story. If you do not admire, respect, and truly love the woman looking back in the mirror, no one else will. Your life is and will always be full of flaws. The flaws are what makes your life so special, unique, and empowering. I am the epitome of being flawed. Not only on the outside, but also the inside. It is a daily struggle overcoming those doubts and fears that are constantly at war inside my head. The strength of overcoming those moments in life are so much more powerful than the doubt and devastation you go through when you are broken down. I am not perfect but I find comfort in knowing that I am not alone and I hope that through this, you do too.

With that being said, to the girl struggling reading this, I hope you find someone who cherishes you. I hope you find someone who loves you no matter how you look at yourself. I hope they love you for the way you laugh and the way you look when you first wake up. I hope they look at you and never take a moment for granted. I hope most of all they love you for every one of your flaws and if they don't, they are not the one. Hold your head high sister, look people in the eyes, say what you mean and pick yourself up. Your future self deserves it.

~Katie

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Bouncing & Balloons

Adding a twist to wedding entertainment and decor

by CECILIA BRUMLEY

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Couples won't necessarily be spending less on their 2022 wedding, but they will be strategically splurging in places that makes their wedding more than a simple event. We all dream of marrying our best friend. Someone to make us feel safe, happy, and bring out the kid in us. What better way to do that than with a bounce house at your wedding?!

Boujee Bounce is located in Rogersville, Alabama and is the only white bounce house available in the Tennessee Valley as of today. Kyle Davis, owner and operator of Boujee Bounce, has owned rentable inflatables for a few years as a small side business and when presented with the idea to market to a new group of customers he jumped on board and now offers white bounce houses. Adding entertainment for your tiny wedding guests and wedding party will mark your wedding down as a favorite for sure and will be a photographers dream to help capture some extra special magic at your wedding.

Think back to the birthday parties of your childhood. The best kid parties always seem to have a bounce house. Who says kids should get to have all the fun? Enter in the wedding bounce house, the answer to all your entertainment needs. Wedding bounce houses are a great way to make your wedding stand out and it will be one that your guests won't forget. These bounce houses are becoming a trend at more than weddings but bridal showers, too. Decorating them can be part of the scheme of your party and a beautiful backdrop, too. Sabrina Flemming and Chasity Jenkins, owners and operators of Inflated Dreams, are bringing something new to the table when it comes to wedding accents.

When planning their weddings, most brides don't think "balloon." If done correctly, balloons can be a beautiful and fun addition to the wedding and/or reception. One fun way to add balloons to your reception is by renting the white bounce house from Boujee Bounce and

having Inflated Dreams decorate it with balloons. It's guaranteed to be a showstopper! They can customize balloon colors to match your wedding color palette. Or they can use pearl white balloons with silver or gold accents to keep the balloons elegant. Inflated Dreams offers balloon garlands, giant helium balloons, backdrop frames, centerpieces, and so much more to make your wedding unique, beautiful and fun.

Here's a tip-If you are lucky enough to attend a wedding with a bounce house. It should go without saying but be sure to slip your shoes off before stepping into one of these. Being the one to deflate the fun would be a major foul, so would throwing up in the bounce house so maybe schedule your inflatable fun for earlier in the day, like before the open bar kicks into high gear.



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A wedding takes the average couple over a year to plan, signing the guest book is an important tradition at a wedding. For many couples today finding a perfect wedding guest book can be tricky and they are deciding to go with something a little bit more unique. A creative guest book can preserve beautiful memories to reflect on years down the road, and also a great way for guests to feel welcome and a part of the celebration.



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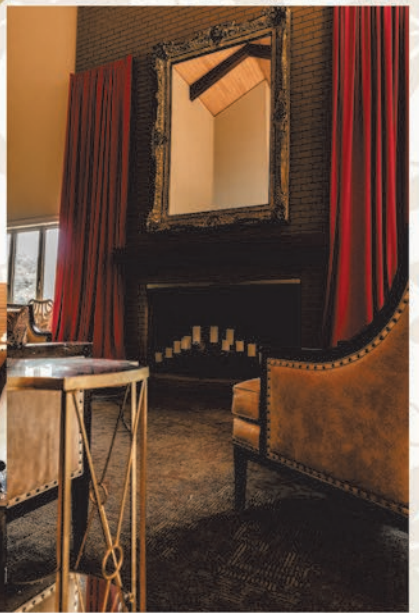
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Wedding Planning Timeline



checklist

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- Pick a date
- Determine your budget
- Choose the style of your wedding
- Select your wedding party
- Book your photographer and schedule engagement photos
- Start compiling guest list
- Research venues for your ceremony and reception
- Create and order Save the Dates



- Mail Save the Dates
- Research florist
- Book ceremony and reception venues
- Book officiant
- Book desired vendors
- Purchase wedding dress and veil



- Research hotels near your venue and reserve a block of rooms for out-of-town guests
- Finalize guest list
- Choose bridesmaid attire and accessories
- Register for gifts
- Book florist



- Decide on wedding cake style and flavor
- Research hair and makeup, and book a trial run and wedding day appointment
- Meet with your officiant and plan ceremony
- Start planning honeymoon!
- Choose groom's and groomsmen attire
- Book transportation to and from venue
- Purchase wedding bands
- Book rehearsal dinner venue
- Research wedding invitation design



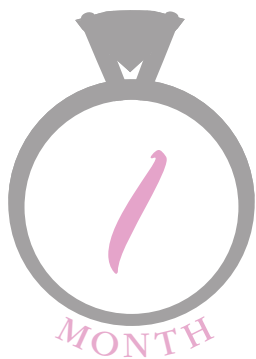
- Order wedding invitations
- Order wedding cake
- Block honeymoon flights and hotels
- Work with florist to decide on flowers
- Plan welcome bags for out-of-town guests
- Schedule dress fittings and alterations
- Decide on a playlist (include a do-not-play list) for your DJ or band



- Finalize timeline for ceremony and reception
- Order gifts for your bridal party, parents, and for each other
- Finalize reception menu with caterer
- Order menu cards
- Order rehearsal dinner invitations



- Mail invitations
- Develop system for organizing RSVPs
- Review ceremony details with officiant
- Decide on content for programs
- Apply for marriage license
- Finalize seating arrangements
- Create a schedule for your wedding day to distribute to vendors
- Order welcome bags



- Attend final dress fitting
- Pick up wedding rings
- Confirm honeymoon reservations and pack
- Check in with vendors to confirm details
- Pick up marriage license



- Make sure everything is laid out and packed for your wedding day. (Essentials include: wedding dress, rings, and marriage license)
- Deliver welcome bags to hotels
- Get mani/pedi
- Attend wedding rehearsal and dinner
- Get your beauty sleep. Don't stay up too late!



- Eat healthy, hearty breakfast
- Give best man wedding rings and officiant fee
- Take a deep breath and relax! It is time to enjoy the day you've spent so much time planning!

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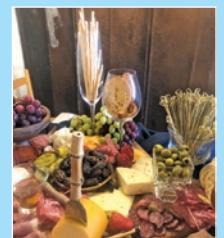
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When “YES” is said, the word that follows it is normally “BUDGET.”

Tradition is sometimes thrown out the window with changing times and brides and grooms being older when they get married. Financial responsibilities when it comes to planning and paying for the wedding sometimes get blurred and the question “Who pays for what?” can often come up. Here is a traditional guideline for who will pay the bill when it comes to your wedding vendors. There are no rules that say these must be followed, but knowing ahead of time will help you plan your budget.

Bride and Family

- Ceremony venue fees
- Bride’s dress and accessories
- Floral arrangements for ceremony and reception
- Flowers for bridal party and flower girls
- Photographer and Videographer
- Ceremony musicians/soloist fees
- All reception venue and services except for DJ and Bar
- Groom’s ring
- All stationery and day of paper goods (ceremony programs, menu cards, etc.)
- Transportation for bridal party and/or guests

Groom and Family

- Marriage license
- Ceremony officiant fee
- Brides bouquet and corsages for mothers and grandmothers
- Boutonnieres for groomsmen and fathers
- Honeymoon
- Rehearsal Dinner
- Reception DJ and Bar
- Brides Rings

Bridal Party

- Bridal Shower
- Bachelorette party
- Their own travel and attire expenses
- Bridal shower and bachelorette gifts

Groomsmen

- Bachelor Party
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- Wedding gift for the couple

Attendants

- Their own travel and attire expenses



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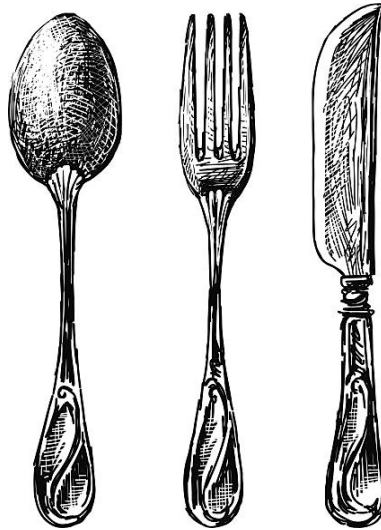
After the "I dos" take a minute and eat, yes eat! Plan a private dining experience for you and the groom. Here are the positives...

-It allows the opportunity for you as the new couple to take a breath. The wedding day is busy and hectic and time alone with your new spouse is limited so take a moment and soak it all in before the reception party gets started.

-Enjoy the food that you spent months planning and picking out the perfect menu items. When planning your wedding look for a secluded location at your venue. It doesn't have to be fancy just a room for two. Also, make sure your caterer makes it their job to fix a plate and drinks

LET'S EAT

by CECILIA BRUMLEY



and serve the happy couple at their secluded location first.

-Freshen up your makeup, change your shoes, and refuel for your party. Tears of joy might have smudged your makeup a little, or your tired feet might need a break so use this time to get yourselves back in order before making your grand entrance into your reception.

Once the wedding is over, make plans for your wedding party and family to be first in line at the reception. This allows them to eat, enjoy seeing guests and get ready to start the party. Once everyone is through the line and seated with food and drink it sets the stage for the new couple to be announced into the reception, first dances and cutting of the cake. Guests can enjoy this time to sit and catch all the festivities.

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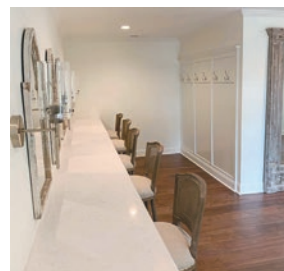
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The Bride & Groom's Story:

When Hunter and Abby met, they instantly realized they had so much in common. They are both teachers with Master's Degrees in Education and have grown up with a deep love for sports. Hunter and Abby met while teaching, became friends, started dating, and were engaged two years later. They both strive daily to make a difference in their students' lives, whether it is in the classroom or by coaching varsity sports. Hunter is currently the girls' basketball coach and assistant football coach at Lexington High School. Abby is the assistant softball coach at Rogers High School. Although their jobs keep them insanely busy, Hunter & Abby love teaching, coaching, and serving their communities.

Hunter proposed to Abby in October 2020 on the pier at his family's lake home. They decided to get married in July and began to plan the big day. Hunter and Abby have both lived in the Shoals Area their entire lives (and love it!), so they knew immediately they wanted to get married locally. They chose to have a traditional wedding ceremony at Highland Baptist Church in Florence where Abby attended preschool for several years. This church holds a special place in Abby's heart with such fond memories. Their next decision was choosing a reception venue. They both had so many family members and friends they wanted to invite, so Hunter and Abby knew they needed a large venue. Marriott Shoals Conference Center in Florence was the perfect fit. They helped to plan each detail and the reception dinner perfectly. Abby's favorites from the beginning were gold accents, satin material, and white flowers for both the ceremony and reception. Cindy Harrison was their floral designer and blew them away! She designed all of the floral arrangements and reception table centerpieces to perfection. Abby loved her bridal bouquet of white roses wrapped with satin ribbon.

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Abby Keener and Hunter Killen were married July 10, 2021 at 5:00 in the afternoon at Highland Baptist Church in Florence with Dr. Rodney Clingan officiating. The reception was held at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Duane and Allison Keener of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Herby and Ann Harrison of Florence and Patricia Keener and the late Jerry Keener of Leesburg.

The groom is the son of Sandra Killen Burroughs of Lexington and Kenny Killen of Lexington. He is the grandson of Wayne and Evelyn Killen of Lexington and the late W.O. and Alice Killen.

The bride wore a custom designed Matthew Christopher gown from "Birch On Main" in Huntsville. The back detail and train included pearl buttons with crystal detail. She also wore an Infinity veil and Duchess teardrop earrings.

Maids of honor were Laura Lee Keener and Ann Margaret Keener, twin sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Ashley Clingan, Carley Hall, Shelby Huckaba, Emily Woods, Maggie Pace, Emily Robinson, and Carly James. Flower girls were Everett Delarosa, Lucy Ledgewood, and Hadley Middleton. Bridal attendant was Katelyn Sullivan.

Best man was the groom's cousin, Zach Alexander. Groomsmen were Trey Alexander, Jake Cross, Matt Cross, Peyton Davis, Conner Hall, Brody Killen, Brandon Putman, Jake Rogers, and Logan Thompson. Ring bearers were Oakley McInish and Henry Knause. Bible bearer was Solomon Hill.

Wedding director was Whitney Coates. Floral designer was Cindy Harrison. Music for the ceremony was provided by organist and pianist Charlotte Estave and vocalist Justin Brewer. Reception entertainment was provided by Kirkman Combo Band. The Marriott Shoals Conference Center catered the reception. The almond flavored, five tiered wedding cake was made by Lana Copeland of All About Cakes, who also made the chocolate groom's cake. Hair stylist was Whitney Butler of Parlor 217 and make up artist was Lindsey Robinson of Halo Hair. The bridesmaids dresses were from Revelry and the groomsmen's suits were from Coats Clothing Company. Party Pros provided the reception decorations. Ledgewood Fine Stationery provided the invitations, napkins, programs, and save the date cards. Bill Lovelace provided the antique car for the couple's departure. Photographer was April Warhurst and videographer was Awaken Films.

The couple spent their honeymoon at Sandals Resort in Montego Bay, Jamaica. They are now residing in Lexington.





A Special Wedding Detail:

Abby's grandfather lived out of town and enjoyed sharing a special hobby with her when she visited. His hobby was making various kinds of wine and sharing it with his family and friends. As soon as Hunter and Abby became engaged, she asked her "Granddaddy" if he could begin making enough wine to share with their wedding party, family, and friends at the Rehearsal Dinner. Her grandfather was thrilled and had plans to bottle and label the wine as Abby had asked. Abby's grandfather prepared all of the wine, then suddenly passed away in March. Abby's dad and twin sisters bottled and labeled the wine her grandfather had made. Ledgewood Fine Stationery designed the perfect label. It was so special for Abby and Hunter to have this to share with their family and friends in his memory.

The Bride & Groom's Favorite Wedding Details:

-The bride and groom used an engraved cake server to cut the cake at the reception. They hope to use this in their home for special occasions for many years to come.

-The Bible Bearer carried the bible given to the bride as a gift by Harold & Laura Hall, the bride's aunt and uncle, at the hospital when she was born.

-One of the Ring Bearer pillows was also carried in the bride's parents' wedding 29 years ago.

-The neon sign custom designed for the photo booth backdrop at the reception was a favorite for both the bride and groom. The sign is now being used in the bride and groom's sunroom in their new home.

-The bride loves her "I DO" slippers given to her by her mother-in-law that she wore getting ready on the wedding day.

-The item used for "something blue" was the groom's deceased grandfather's handkerchief.

Special Occasions for the Bride & Groom:

-The Engagement Party was a poolside dinner at the bride's home hosted by Sandra Burroughs and Cindy Killen

-Bridal Shower at Central Heights Baptist Church hosted by family and friends

-Bridal Shower at the home of Alanna Sullivan hosted by family and friends

-Lingerie Shower at Renaissance Ross Bridge Hotel hosted by bridesmaids

-Bridesmaids Luncheon at Swampers Bar & Grille hosted by Laura Hall, Ann Harrison, and Denise Woods







Flippo, Chapin

Molly Jan Flippo and Clayton Thomas Chapin were married June 19, 2021 at 5:00 in the afternoon at Atlas Church of Christ in Killen with Edgar Dowe Griggs, grandfather of the bride, officiating. The reception was held at Camp Creek Weddings in Killen following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Rhonda Flippo of Killen. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Griggs of Rogersville, Mrs. Bonnie Flippo of Killen and the late Mr. David Flippo Sr.

The groom is the son of Neal and Debra Chapin of Florence. He is the grandson of Ms. Linda Barnes and the late Mr. Gary Barnes, and Mrs. Sylvia Chapin and the late Mr. William Cornelius Chapin, all of Florence.

The bride chose a Madison James gown from the Ever After Bridal Shop in Rogersville, that featured an open back with beading and mesh sides, a trumpet style fit including a train with lace, pearls, and rhinestones from the shoulders to the floor. The vintage veil, worn by the bride's mother over thirty years ago, was extra long and was restored using beading from the bride's dress. She carried a bouquet of roses wrapped with grandfather Flippo's handkerchief and pinned with his engraved tie pin.

Maid of honor was Tori Wilsdorf and matron of honor was Katy Beth Mathis, both cousins of the bride. Bridesmaids were Maela Owen, cousin of the bride; Heather Plaxco, sister of the groom; Lilly Chandler, cousin of the groom; Madison Tidwell, Lindsey Hughes, Savanna Tays, and Allie Watson, all friends of the bride. Flower girl was Mary Ballinger, cousin of the bride.

Best man was the groom's brother, Corey Chapin. Groomsmen were Dylan Shaw, cousin of the groom; A.J. Flippo, brother of the bride; Clay Greenhill, Denton Chandler, Drew Scott, Payton Roberson, Paxton Montgomery, Conner McKee, all friends of the groom; and Tate Mathis, cousin of the bride. Ring bearer was Griggs Owen, cousin of the bride.

The bride's aunts: Beth Bole, Cereta Lanier, and Joy Wilsdorf, all assisted with the planning, decorating, and directing of the wedding. Floral designers were Kelli Brown and Cindy Harrison. The ceremony music was performed by Josiah Lanier, cousin of the bride, and Cereta Lanier, aunt of the bride. Sonya and Lavale Cooper of C & C Music Entertainment provided entertainment for the reception. For the reception, friends from Atlas Church of Christ prepared and served the food, with the bride's father preparing the meat. The wedding cake was made by Lorie White, cousin of the bride, cupcakes were provided by Christy Hannah, and the groom's cake was made by Lana Copeland of All About Cakes. Family members of both the bride and the groom helped out tremendously the day of the wedding, bringing food for the bridal party and helping out at the reception. Hair stylist was Whitney Butler of Parlor 217 in Florence, and make up artists were Chloe Moothart and Emmaleigh Hensley of Pretty by Coco. Photographer was Gean & Co. Photography and videographer was Poppy Leaf Photography. The trolley from the Tuscumbia Depot was used to transport the bridal party from the venue to the church and back to the venue the day of the ceremony. Royce Massey, friend of the bride's family, brought his 1955 Ford Crown Victoria for the couple's exit at the end of the evening.

After a six day, all inclusive stay at Sandals Resort in Ocho Rios, Jamaica for their honeymoon, the couple is now residing in Auburn.

Photos by Gean & Co. Photography

King, Bailey

How it all started....

High School Sweethearts - It was a cold rainy night so I decided to make a Walmart run. As I was browsing through the aisles I noticed this cute girl smiling at me so I strolled over to the electronic dept and begin to talk to her. We talked a while and I left. Now the electronic department at Walmart was my new hang out spot, lol. We became friends and one day exchanged numbers. We talked for a while and begin dating and then she joined the army and we lost contact for years. One day as I was traveling through Rogersville I saw her mother's car at Foodland, so I stopped to see if it was her car and Sonja walked out and it was like she saw a ghost. We talked awhile, exchanged numbers again, and shortly after we began dating again. On February 16, 2020 I planned a romantic dinner at Grill 29 and proposed, she said yes of course! Here we are finally becoming one Mr. and Mrs. Bailey.

~Kendrick





SSG Sonja Denise King and Mr. Kendrick Bailey were married October 9, 2021 at 4:30 in the afternoon at the Huntsville Botanical Garden with Pastor Macrus Watkins officiating. The reception was held at the Huntsville Botanical Garden Grand Hall following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Donald King and the late Ella Mae King of Rogersville, Ala. She is the granddaughter of the late Cleveland and Flora Watkins and the late Nathan Boiling. A native of Rogersville, she is a U.S. Military Veteran, currently serving in the 123rd Signal Battalion in Arab, AL. She also works at the Social Security Administration office in Florence, AL and serves as Quartermaster of VFW Post #5846, Rogersville. SSG King is a graduate of Lauderdale County High School She has four associate's degrees from Calhoun Community College in Decatur, Ala., and a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of North Alabama.

The groom is the son of Ruby Bailey and the late Bobby Bailey of Athens, AL. He is the grandson of the late Raymon Coleman, the late Odell Yarbrough, and the late Chestnut and Elnora Bailey. Mr. Bailey is a native of Athens, AL and is a graduate of Athens High School. He works at Daikin of America, Decatur, AL, and operates KB Lawn Service, Athens.





The bride wore a custom gown by Chantale by Wona Concept located in Spain from La Mariee Bridal in Madison, Ala. Her veil was from Bel Aire Bridal. She wore shoes from David's Bridal, jewelry from Tiffany Victoria, and carried a clutch from Gucci.

Maid of honor was Sunjia Denise King-Davis, daughter of the bride, and matrons of honor were Emma Sue Watkins and Dorothy Jean Fuqua, aunts of the bride. Bridesmaids were Latara Reels, Heather Beckwith, Charis Boddie, Marvalene Elston, all friends of the bride; Monica Fuqua and Phyllis Fuqua, cousins of the bride. Flower girls were Olivia Fuqua and Olivia Turner, cousins of the bride.

Best man were Pastor Bill Perkins, best friend of the groom, and Grant Bailey, son of the groom. Groomsmen were Jeffrey Hicks, friend of the groom; Anthony Horton, Billy White, Eric White, and Pastor Jimmy Bailey, all cousins of the groom. Junior groomsman was Gage Bailey, son of the groom. Ring bearer was Karson Jordan, cousin of the bride. Grooms and groomsmen attire was from Enstyle Apparel in Athens, Ala.

The bride and groom were the first couple at Huntsville Botanical Gardens to incorporate a butterfly release during their ceremony to symbolize the unity of their marriage. The bride and groom also wanted to make the presence known of their parents that had already passed away so they released lanterns in their honor.





Wedding director was Erica Thimsen of Helping Hand Parties. The florals were designed by the bride and groom. Ceremony music was provided by Dr. Collins of Valley Conservatory. Caterer was Chef Jeff Burgess of 117 Catering. The wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Scottie's. Reception entertainment was provided by Paradise Entertainment of Memphis, TN. On site nurse was RN Kim Campbell. The reception featured an ice sculpture by Chef David, and paintings by Artbysandra. Hair stylists were Kendra LaTrice and Karen West, and make up artist was KY Glover, MUA Bridal. Photographer was Chip Dizard Studio of Baltimore, MD and videographer was Joysmediaco.

The bride and groom wowed their guests by preparing for their first dance by taking six weeks of ballroom dancing lessons from Southern Elegance Dance Studio in Huntsville, Ala.

The couple spent their honeymoon at Royalton Resort in St. Lucia. They are now residing in Rolling brook in Rogersville, Ala.





*Craft,
Thornton*





Kayla Lynn Craft and Seth Lemar Thornton were married May 22, 2021 in a 6:00 evening ceremony held at Danclay Farms with Ben Phillips officiating. The reception was also held at Danclay Farms following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Chris and Stacy Craft of Muscle Shoals. She is the granddaughter of Pam and Roland Gargis and Alfred and Betty Craft, all of Muscle Shoals.

The groom is the son of Dale and Traci Thornton of Muscle Shoals. He is the grandson of Carol Hayes and the late Bill Hayes, Shelia Smith and the late Edward D. Smith, and the late Jesse and Reba Thornton.

The bride chose a lace gown with rhinestone detail with a matching veil from La-Mariee Bridal in Madison. Her engagement ring and wedding band were passed down from her late great-grandmother, Lorene Craft.

Matron of honor was Dr. Lauren Duffey, sister of the groom. Bridesmaids were Kylie Huey, Tayler Daniel, Kess Lanier, Bridgett Nelms, and Cambrie Waddell, all friends of the bride. Junior bridesmaids were Emmy King and Lila Beth King, cousins of the bride.

Best men were the groom's father, Dale Thornton, the groom's best friend, Zach Wynn. Groomsmen were Drew Duffey, brother-in-law of the groom; Cannon Cornelius and Jake Armstrong, friends of the groom; Tanner Craft, Matthew Craft, and Collin Craft, brothers of the bride.

Wedding director was Kristi Sockwell and floral designer was Cindy Harrison. Music for the ceremony was provided by Andrew Williamson and the Kirkman Combo entertained guests at the reception. Caterer was Stacie Oliver of C&C Catering, who also made the wedding cake and groom's cake. Hair stylist was Ashley Cassel of Parlor 217 and make up artist was Laren Lindholm. The bridesmaids gowns were assorted styles from Azazie, and the groomsmen's suits were from Joseph A. Banks in Huntsville. Photographer was Rebekah Handley of Rebekah Photography and videographer was Steven Anderson.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Key West, Fla. after having to cancel their original honeymoon plans due to Covid. They are now residing in Auburn.

Photos by Rebekah Photography











Holley, Edwards

Makenzie Holley and Andrew Edwards were married September 4, 2021 at 6:00 in the evening at Bradford Farm & Venue with Terry Thomas officiating. The reception was also held at Bradford Farm following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jimmy Holley and Janet Lacey. She is the granddaughter of Bobbie Ray and Barbara Benford, and Mavis and Claude Holley.

The groom is the son of James and Amy Edwards, and the grandson of Jimmy and Helen Edwards, and Sandra Hill and the late Robert Hill.

The bride's gown was purchased from Bella's Bridal in Birmingham. The groom gifted the bride a diamond necklace made from her grandmother's diamond that had been passed down to the bride.

Maid of honor was Katie Morrow, friend of the bride, and matron of honor was Makayla Kelly, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Ella Edwards, sister of the groom; Hannah Grace Perry, Jessica Barton, Rachel Bailey, Christine Lakeman, and Hannah Rayburn, all friends of the bride. Flower girls were Sandra Hill and Helen Edwards, grandmothers of the groom.

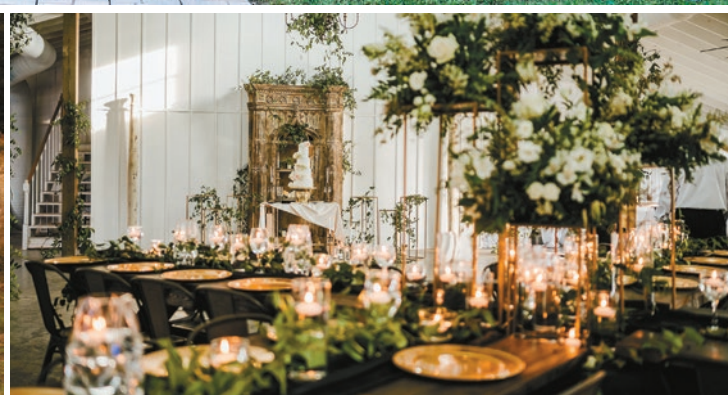
Best man was Trace Morris, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were James Edwards, father of the groom; Jacob Walton, Caleb Richardson, Tanner Bozeman, Max Vanderpool, and Caleb Hines, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Kiptyn Kelly, nephew of the groom.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumley, and floral designer was Heather Bradford Sherrill. Music for the ceremony and entertainment for the reception was all provided by 24k Entertainment. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet, and the wedding cake was made by the bride. Hair stylist and make up artist was Madeline Benton. Photographer was Heather Bradford Sherrill of Create Portraiture, and videographer was Awaken Films.

The antique car used for the couple's departure belonged to the groom, inherited from his grandparents. The car took the grandparents home from their wedding, and also took the groom's mother home from the hospital when she was born.

The couple spent their honeymoon in beautiful Hawaii. They are now residing in Muscle Shoals.

Photos by Create Portraiture







When Katelin and Craig saw the striking cross on the platform overlooking the majestic Tennessee River at The Riverton venue, they knew they had found the sanctuary for the couple to have their wedding. In the months leading up to the wedding, Covid and weather tried to dampen spirits, but faith and love kept the preparation and events moving forward. Four-wheel drive trucks carried bridal shower guests to celebrate due to the 10 inches of snow and ice; and on the day of the wedding, weather threatened to create problems; however, at 5:30 a lifelong friend sent a picture of a rainbow that they were seeing on the way to the wedding with a message that said, "show this picture to Katelin and Craig everything is going to be alright". Although rain seemed inevitable for the day, the clouds cleared at the perfect moment as guests began to arrive, and the wedding festivities were on!

Katelin Ansley Wallace and Craig Edward Saint exchanged vows on March 27, 2021, at half past six in the evening in a romantic elegant atmosphere. The ceremony and reception were held at The Riverton venue in Cherokee, Alabama. The wedding was none short of a fairytale. The bride, Katelin Wallace, is the daughter of Dr. Kathy Shook Wallace and Mr. Michael Howard Wallace. The groom, Craig Saint, is the daughter of Ms. Baretta James Saint and Mr. James Tony Saint.

Maid of honor was Savannah Smith and matron of honor was Anna Claire Rorie, both friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Monica Breland, Lauren Heavener, Shea Howard, Jessica Reaves, Bri Robinson, Katherine Whitehead, Kylie Plott. Flower girls were Saylor Grace Freno and Karli Cook.

Best man was Jacob Hamilton, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Chase Fretwell, Justin Knight, Seth Moore, Wesley Nelson, Eric Odell, Kody Ortiz, Caleb Robinson, friends of the groom, Brett Saint and Ryan Saint, brothers of the groom. Ring bearers were Jaxsen Wright and Easton Robinson, wagon bearer was Easton Cook, and wagon ring bearer was Bentley Saint.

The proposal of marriage was delivered as a surprise on the beach amidst rose petals and candlelight. Leading up to the wedding, a lovely lingerie shower was given by Savannah Smith, maid of honor, at the Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa. Anna Claire Rorie, matron of honor, Stephanie Nichols and Betsy Hardin gave a friends' shower at the beautiful home of Betsy and Bill Hardin. A "Taco Bout Love" themed shower was given by family and friends of Craig; and a citrus themed shower, "I Found My Main Squeeze" was enjoyed by friends and family and hosted by close family friends, Dana Degraw, Linda Godfrey, and Debbie Trussell.

The wedding weekend began with a "Garden Party" brunch that was held at the home of the bride's parents and hosted by Judy Sellers and Alison Cook, cousins of the bride, and Rhonda Nunley a lifelong family friend. On the eve of the wedding, the family of the groom entertained the wedding party, family, and friends by hosting a rehearsal dinner at The Riverton. The event was catered by Smoking Joe's with a beautifully set table and reception area with barbecued chicken, wings, potato salad, baked beans, and the fixings which were enjoyed by all. Special favorite desserts of the bride and groom were a part of the menu.

Mrs. Shelaine Butler provided wedding direction on the day of the wedding. Dr. Kathy Wallace planned the wedding. Elegant and dreamy details were captured by Luke Price Studios and photographer Romane. Dawn Laster, floral designer, did a magnificent job of the happy couple's vision of elegant sophistication through romantic touches of blush, Bellini peach, burgundy and cream accents. The florals were timeless yet done with thoughtful consideration to design that captured a unique charm, grace and beauty of the couple's choices. The wedding also featured an exquisite ice sculpture from Ice By Design located in Birmingham, Alabama. Friends of the bride, Judy and Benny Parrish, created a large wooden cutting board that guests signed for the couple to have a lasting usable memory of the special day. The ceremony and the reception were decorated with deep burgundy dahlias, snap dragons, hydrangeas, burgundy glades and peach garden roses with lavish greenery incorporated.

Kaylee Davis Make-up and Designs accomplished the vision of glamour for the brides' party as well as the bride. Hairstyles for attendants were paired impeccably with their Bellini peach midi length gowns.

As the sun set, the violin played by Ms. Svetlana Kaltchenko, and harp played by Ms. Cindy Mathis carried an open-air sound over the attendants and guests and onto the water of the Tennessee River and The Riverton venue.

Photos Luke Price Studios





Groom Craig had a dashing look and wore striking engraved cuff links that were presented to the groom by his mother to compliment his burgundy suit with navy and burgundy tie. Best Man and Groomsmen wore navy suits with burgundy based ties. To complete the wedding party, the flower girls, Miss Saylor Grace Freno and Miss Karli Cook wore toile and lace dresses with lace sleeves, a dropped neckline in the back and tied with a satin ribbon at an empire waistline. Their hair was decorated by angel bands with fresh greenery and satin ribbons. Mr. Joshua James, usher; Master Easton Cook, wagon attendant and usher, Master Jaxsen Wright, ring bearer. Master Easton Robinson, ring bearer; Master Bentlee Campbell, wagon ring bearer, all wore navy pants, white shirts, suspenders, bow ties, and warm smiles.



The bride wore a long-sleeved lace wedding dress with open back from Essence of Australia. The cut was flared but fitted white with rum undertone. The V-neckline of this gown extended into a slim plunge, highlighted with peek-a-boo detailing. Luxe beadwork and sequins were placed throughout the gown, allowing this style to shimmer beautifully. A floor length illusion veil accompanied the dress which adorned her beautiful Hollywood styled curls. Katelin carried a bouquet that was a loose, but full, nosegay style mix of deep burgundy antique fiddle roses, peach garden roses, cream and blush peonies, mother of pearl roses, quicksand roses and cream spray roses, with hanging peppercorn with foliage that cascaded beautifully with her look. She carried a vintage monogrammed handkerchief given by her mother. An heirloom brooch of blue stones acquired from a long family friend was entwined in her bouquet and represented her something blue. Bride Katelin wore a diamond bracelet borrowed from her mother, and her beautiful wedding gown was the something new to complete the adage—Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue.



The bridesmaids wore Bellini peach mid-calf dresses and carried hand-tied bouquets of the same flowers present in the bride's bouquet.

The bride, escorted by her father, entered, and walked down the aisle to SPEECHLESS, a favorite song of both bride and groom. Greenery and beautiful ribbon adorned the stairway on either side.

After a heartfelt ceremony the guest were welcomed into the richly floral decorated reception area of the venue with passed hor d'oeuvres by Crossroad Catering. The reception area was decorated with large lighted orbs, chandeliers, and a lighted wall disc with embellishments as well as lavish floral accents on the guests and head table. Cascading fountain flairs were lit, and the Saints entered the reception area to the tune of "WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN".

A delicious Italian dinner was then served to each guest followed by a slice of a multi-tiered vanilla wedding cake covered in decadent buttercream icing created by Lisa Overby a long-time friend of the family. During dinner old classics were played. A chocolate fountain adorned one area of the venue while a memory table was included with pictures and candles in honor and memory of loved ones in another area.



A highlight of the evening was when the groom was surprised on the first dance by the playing of YOU ARE THE REASON sung by the bride. Special moments took place as the groom danced with his mother and the father/daughter dance song played was BUTTERFLY KISSES a special song of the bride and her father.

Katelin changed into a sequined off the shoulder white jumpsuit for dancing and DJ Dustin Coan provided an array of old and new favorites for the bride and groom and guests to dance the night away. Guests enjoyed farewell toasts and reminiscing the night away through a sparkler filled archway. After spending their honeymoon in St. Lucia, they make their home in Colbert County, Alabama.

Shelton, Legg





Ali Grace Shelton and Zane Legg were married September 25, 2021 at 5:30 in the afternoon in a beautiful outdoor ceremony at Bradford Farm and Venue with Bro. Steve Agee officiating. The reception followed at Bradford Farm.

The bride is the daughter of Baron and Tiletha Shelton of Moulton. She is the granddaughter of Ricky and Linda Alexander and Bobby Lee and Beatrice Shelton, all of Moulton. She is also the great-granddaughter of Elene Farley of Moulton.

The groom is the son of Mike and Robin Legg of Moulton. He is the grandson of Peggy Sanderson and William Howard and Mae Sue Legg, all of Moulton.

The bride chose her beautiful wedding gown and veil from Bella's Bridal and Formal in Birmingham.

Maid of honor was Maggie Shelton, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Madison Hutton, Autumn Terry, Kylie Terry, Allyson James, Hannah Reynolds, Alexis Horton, Lillie McCullough, all friends of the bride, and Ruby Shelton, cousin of the bride. Flower girl was Evie Michael Legg, niece of the groom.

Best man was the groom's father, Mike Legg. Groomsmen were Trey Hutto, Tody Hagen, Dylan Oliver, Jakob Terry, Tristan Sandlin, Kobe Strange, and Spencer Aldridge, all friends of the groom.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumley. Floral designer was Heather Bradford Sherrill. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by Gus Spears. Caterer was Southern Skillet and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Lakin Williamson. A bar was provided by All Shook Up. A photo booth was provided by Rymer Rentals, and custom cups by Pink Peppermint Paper. Hair stylist and make up artist was Hali Gurley of Main Salon in Hartselle. Photographer was Heather Bradford Sherrill of Create Portraiture and bridal photo session photographer was Kim Alexander Photography. Videographer was Awaken Films. Bridesmaids gowns were from azazie.com and the groom's party attire was from Mary's Bridal with jeans from Shelton's Clothing & Outdoors in Moulton. The wedding bands were from Jamie Hood Jewelers in Decatur.

Special Wedding Info:

My flowers included a handkerchief that my grandmother and mother carried in their weddings. It also included a charm that Zane surprised me with for our prom night in 2016.

In place of a guest book, we opted to use custom corn hole boards instead. These were hand crafted by my grandfather, Ricky Alexander, and uncle, Brandon Alexander. These were great to have at the reception to give the guests something fun to do.

My grandmother, Linda Alexander, hand made two garters. One for me to wear, and one for Zane to throw.

The couple honeymooned at Moon Palace in Cancun, Mexico for a week. Travel agent was Cassie Goodwin of Joyous Adventures with Cassie. They took a boat to Isla Mujeres and got to swim with a shark, explore the Mayan Ruins, and so much more. The couple is now residing in Moulton.

The bride was honored with a bridal shower given by friends and family at Harmony Baptist Church in Hillsboro, Ala.

The couple was honored with a cattle themed couples shower put on by our closest friends. It was special to us considering Zane is a cattle farmer at Leggacy Cattle Company in Moulton, Ala.

The bridal party was given a bridesmaid luncheon the day before the wedding at Vickie's Around the Corner in Moulton. A family friend, Boston Claborn, decorated the venue. Lola Bleu's Florist in Moulton created beautiful floral arrangements for the occasion. Another friend, Lakin Williamson, catered the event. Heavenly Sugar Cookies of Danville customized cookies for each party member.

Photos by Create Portraiture







Slay, Hodges

Kalli Slay and Eli Hodges were married October 9, 2021 in a 6:00 evening ceremony held at Danclay Farms with Bro. Matt Fowler officiating. The reception followed at Danclay Farms.

The bride is the daughter of Brandon and Leslie Slay of Tuscombria. She is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Chris Roberts of Spruce Pine and Ron and Becky Conleay of Mansfield, La.

The groom is the son of Victor and Kelly Hodges of Tuscombria. He is the grandson of Pamela Hennessee and John David Richardson, both of Florence.

The bride chose a beautiful white gown and matching veil from Kathleen's Bridal.

Maids of honor were Erin Reed and Lindsay Balentine, best friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mallie Hester, Mallory Cottingham, Jordan Naylor, Sydney Berry, Caitlin Worsham, Addison Freeman, all friends of the bride, and Victoria Hodges, sister of the groom.

Best man was Zach Hodges, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Gavin Slay, brother of the bride; Eric Boutwell, Aaron Jackson, Will Bragwell, and Blake Bendall, all friends of the groom. Ringbearers were Asher Freeman and Archer Freeman, friends of the couple.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumley. Floral designer was Chase Sparks of Russellville Florist. Caterer was Southern Skillet. The wedding cake was made by Wendy Weeks and the groom's cake was provided by Wendy Weeks and Yummies Bakery. Sonyia and Lavelle Cooper provided the entertainment at the reception. Hair stylists were Samantha Stone and Dana Aycock, and make up artist was Holly Renfro. Photographer was Ashton Willis of Beloved Imagery and videographer was Ace Eaton.

After a honeymoon at Sandals Resort in Negril, Jamaica, the couple is now residing in Muscle Shoals.

Photos by Beloved Imagery





Tash, Pickens



Emily Ruth Tash and Kristopher Janis Pickens were married October 23, 2021 at 5:00 in the afternoon at Bradford Farm and Venue with Brian O'Neill, childhood friend of the groom, officiating. The reception followed at Bradford Farm.

The bride is the daughter of Charles and Gina Tash of Florence. The groom is the son of Roy and Dace Pickens of Richmond, Va.

Maid of honor was Lydia McWilliams, cousin of the bride. Best man was Reed Kelly, best friend and fraternity brother of the groom.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumley. Floral designer was Heather Bradford Sherrill. Ceremony and cocktail hour music was provided by Universal Sound and Video, and reception music was provided by Union Road Band. Southern Skillet catered the reception, and Heather's Cake Creations made the wedding cake. Transportation was provided by Rate Transportation. Fireworks were from TNT Fireworks. Craft cocktails were provided by All Shook Up and Doozy's Fine Wine and Spirits provided the alcohol. Engagement and wedding rings were from Creative Jewelers. Hair stylists were Mandi Beavers and Mellany Lancaster and make up artist was Mandi Beavers. The bride's wedding gown was purchased from The Something Blue Shoppe, and the bridesmaids dresses were from Jenny Yoo and Revelry. The custom bar sign was from Hazel and Gray Co. on Etsy. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture and videographer was Awaken Films.

The couple is now residing in Florida.

Photos by Create Portraiture





Make sure to set aside time on your wedding day to spend with your spouse. Things can get busy and overwhelming, but opting to do a first look or having a private dinner together before your reception can make a huge difference. We are so glad we were able to do these things, and we left our reception without any regrets.

Information about us: Kristopher and I met in 2014 at Troy University. We were just friends for over three years, until we spent our last summer of college together and were constantly mistaken for a couple. We eventually caught on to what everyone else saw in the fall of 2017. We spent time doing long distance after graduating from college until we eventually moved to Tampa, FL together to start graduate school. We got engaged in May 2020 during a move to Fort Walton Beach, FL where Kristopher had accepted a job after graduate school. We have one fur baby together and hope to add another soon as a belated wedding present to one another. Ginger is our red golden retriever puppy, and she's the best thing that ever happened to us aside from falling in love with each other. Our wedding day was extra special because my dad took the time to bring her and let her take photos with us before the ceremony. She even got to enjoy some of our reception before we had a firework show as our send off.



Something to inspire other brides: Your vendors matter. Choose people that you connect with and who really want to help you achieve your vision. I would not change one single person we worked with and I truly attribute the seamless and perfection of our wedding day to them. I will also encourage brides to choose things that really matter to them and stick to it. For me, I really wanted beautiful fall flowers, a fun band, an open bar for our guests to have a great time at the reception, and for our dog to be incorporated in our day as much as possible. Heather brought all of my floral dreams into fruition more than I could have ever imagined. Our band created a fun atmosphere that kept us and our guests on the dance floor all night long. All Shook Up created the perfect signature drinks to match Kristopher's taste and mine. Our guests loved them and asked for the recipe even weeks later! We were able to incorporate our dog Ginger in our favors, a customized watercolor bar sign, and by bringing her to the venue that day! Choose these details that will make your day everything you've ever dreamed of, and spend less of your time, energy, and money on the things that aren't as important to you.





McDonald, Horn



Sydney McDonald and Jackson Horn were married November 13, 2021 in a 4:00 afternoon ceremony held at The Witt House in Hartselle with Logan Jaks, friend of the couple, officiating. The reception followed at The Witt House.

The bride is the daughter of Shane and Jennifer McDonald of Killen. She is the granddaughter of Ronnie and Cathy McDonald and the late Robert and Willie Marguerite Lind of Killen.

The groom is the son of Lee and Paige Horn of Franklin, Tenn. He is the grandson of Billy Joe Horn and the late Kathleen Horn of Haleyville, and Crystel Collier and the late Walter Collier of Waverly, Tenn.

The bride chose a beautiful white satin designer Anne Barge gown with matching veil, both purchased from Birch on Main.

Matron of honor was Alicia Beasley, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Lindzy Richardson and Addie Grace Bradley, cousins of the bride; Britney Neal and Shaylee Burleson, friends of the bride; and Anna Kate Horn, sister of the groom. Junior bridesmaid was Chloe Wells, cousin of the bride. Flower girls were Laney Wells, cousin of the bride, Elaine Morrow and Avery Morrow, cousins of the groom.

Best man was the groom's father, Lee Horn. Groomsmen were Andrew Holder, Jackson Ledford, Brian Rozar, Chase Stolworthy, all friends of the groom, and Noah McDonald, brother of the bride. Ring bearer was Calvin Morrow, cousin of the groom.

Wedding director was Shalon Steed of Whirl Events & Creative. Floral designer was Kim Laeupple of The Tailored Tulip. JW Steakhouse catered the reception, and Batter Up Bakery made the wedding cake and groom's cake. Jeff Kirby of DJ Jammin' Jeff provided the reception entertainment. Hair stylist and make up artist was Kelsey Munday of Salon Mod. Photographer was Mariah Oldacre and videographer was Awaken Films. Bridesmaids and flower girl dresses were from David's Bridal, and the father of the bride and ring bearer's suits were from Coats Clothing Co. Wedding favors were from Maddie's Cookie Company.

The couple spent their honeymoon at Manchebo Beach Resort and Spa in Aruba. They are now residing in Huntsville.

Photos by Mariah Oldacre







*Albright,
Pondick*



Haven Albright and Alexander Pondick were married December 5, 2020 at 3:00 in the afternoon at Haven's Place in Lexington with Tommy Crocker officiating. The reception followed at Haven's Place.

The bride is the daughter of Shane and Angie Albright of Lexington. She is the granddaughter of Ronald Albright and the late Pat Albright of Killen, the late Billy and Doris Barnett of Lexington.

The groom is the son of Glenn and Penny Pondick of Southside. He is the grandson of the late William and Thelma Burks and Ping Pondick and the late Norman Pondick.

The bride chose her wedding gown, veil, and fur stole from Kathleen's Bridal in Madison, along with earrings and bracelet from Sidelines Jewelry in Florence.

Maid of honor was Kaitlynn Thomson, friend of the bride, and matron of honor was Haley Albright, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Lindsey Crocker, sister-in-law of the bride; Makayla Smith, Victoria Rowe, Madison Lee, Morgan Pool, and Jazmine Stubblefield, all friends of the bride.

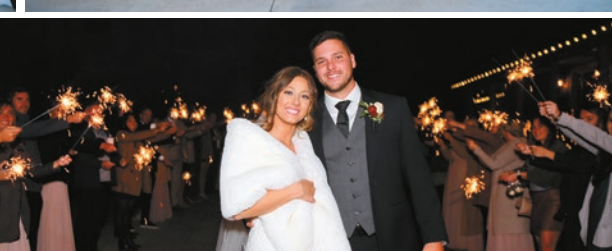
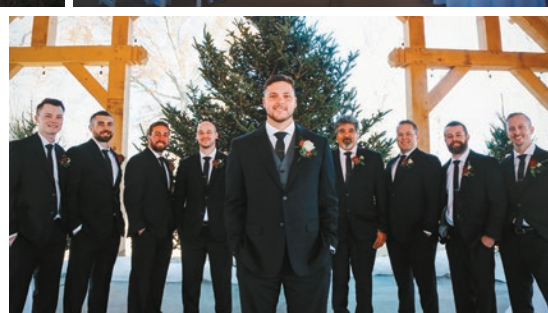
Bestman was the groom's father, Glenn Pondick. Groomsmen were Brett Twigg, Jesse Fry, Tanner Koch, Drew Mullinax, Daulton Coker, Edward Brandsema, all friends of the groom, and Seth Miller, cousin of the groom.

Wedding director was Mickey Beavers. Floral designers were Patsy Brooks and Ruth Whitsett. Ceremony music was provided by Donnie Gibson of Sound Made EZ, and saxophonist Tommy Friend entertained guests at the reception. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet, and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Lauren Thomas. Hair stylist was Madison Hicks and make up artist was Faith Ezell. Photographer was Amanda Chapman and videographer was Al Hammond of Awaken Films.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Park City, Utah. They are residing in Lexington.



Photos by Amanda Chapman Photography





*Tidwell,
Phillips*



Madison Tidwell and Riley Phillips were married July 31, 2021 at 6:30 in the evening at Bradford Farm with David Isbell officiating. A reception was held at Bradford Farm following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Brian and Amy Tidwell of Killen. She is the granddaughter of Don and Belva McGee, and Judy Tidwell and the late Waymon Tidwell.

The groom is the son of Tommy and Tonya Phillips. He is the grandson of Juanita Risner and the late Gary Risner, and Bill and the late Oma Phillips.

The bride wore a beautiful white satin gown from Kathleen's Bridal. Maid of honor was Jordon Tidwell and matron of honor was Ashton McCluskey, both sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Molly Chapin, Chelsea Barkley, Mariah Gillespie, Anna Katherine Green, Abby Barnes, Bishop Owen, Lucy Walker, all friends of the bride, and Mallie Watkins, cousin of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Sophia Grigsby, cousin of the bride.

Best man was the groom's brother, Russell Phillips. Groomsmen were Reed Gillespie, Tanner Graham, Rob McMasters, John David Isbell, Drew Nipper, all friends of the groom, and Tanner Borden, cousin of the groom. Junior groomsmen were Mason Grigsby, cousin of the bride.

Wedding directors were Heather Sherrill and Cecilia Brumley, and Heather Sherrill was the floral designer. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet, and Wendy Weeks made the wedding cake and the groom's cake. Ceremony music and reception entertainment were provided by Universal Event & Production. Hair stylist was Whitney Butler and make up artist was Corey Nichols. Photographers were Sommer Hamilton, April Warhurst, and Rebekah Handley, and videographer was Poppy Leaf Films.

After a honeymoon at Sandals Resort in St. Lucia, the couple is now residing in Killen.

Photos by Sommer Hamilton, April Warhurst,
Rebekah Handley





McLeary, Buchanan

Evelyn Louise McLeary and Kyle Addison Buchanan were married November 13, 2021 at 4:00 in the afternoon with Chad Holder officiating. A reception was held at George's 217 following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mark and Kim McLeary. She is the granddaughter of David Ladner, Janet McLeary and the late Ronnie McLeary, and David and Barbara Claunch.

The groom is the son of Adam and Rachel Buchanan. He is the grandson of Cathy Bratton, and Teri Michel and the late Michael Michel.

The bride chose a beautiful white gown from Cherry Tree Lane in Florence for the ceremony, and a white romper from Promenade for the reception.

Maid of honor was Chloe McLeary, sister of the bride, and matron of honor was Darby Zak, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kaylee Buchanan, sister of the groom; Lily Hufstедler, cousin of the bride; Shaynna Hodge, Cassidy Russell, Nicole Shirley, Jordan Hoerl, and Abbey Herbster, all friends of the bride. Junior bridesmaids were Ellie Landis, Emmie Landis, and Elsie Hufstедler, cousins of the bride; and Kagan Buchanan, cousin of the groom. Flower girls were Lyla Harbin, cousin of the bride, and Addisyn Bratton, cousin of the groom.

Best man was the groom's father, Adam Buchanan. Groomsmen were Clent McLeary, brother of the bride; Blake Faulkner, Jack Bates, Logan Wright, Anthony Hoerl, Deven Jones, Zedric Jarmon, and Tide Goolsby, all friends of the groom. Ushers were Brodie Bratton, cousin of the groom; Jon Will Hufstедler and Walker Underwood, cousins of the bride. Ring bearer was Case Wright, cousin of the bride. Pages were Delaney Smith and Keelan Smith, cousins of the bride.

Wedding directors were Shelley Bates and Jill McDougal. Floral designer was Lola's Gifts & Flowers. Music for the ceremony was provided by Zach Cleghorn. The reception was catered by George's 217 and Jeff Henson & Band entertained the guests. The wedding cake was made by Wendy Weeks and the groom's cake was made by Yummies Bakery. Hair and make up artists were Kayla Maxwell and Hailee Alexander. Photographer was Makenzie Rue Photography and videographer was MaLeah Hibbett.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn. They are now residing in Muscle Shoals.

Photos by Makenzie Rue Photography







Armidano, Cottingham

Mallory Armidano and Grason Bradley Cottingham were married at Bradford Farm Venue on March 27, 2021 at 6:00 in the evening with James Derrall Watson, grandfather of the bride, officiating. The reception was held at Bradford Farm following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Madonna Armidano of Town Creek. She is the granddaughter of James Derrall and JoAnn Watson and Gene and Ann Basham.

The groom is the son of Brrandi and Chris Naylor and Jamie and Tabby Cottingham. He is the grandson of Gayle Gross and the late Bradley Gross.

The bride chose a beautiful white, long sleeved Martina Liana Bridal gown from The Something Blue Shoppe.

Maid of honor was Michaela Armidano, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Jordan Naylor, Sydney Berry, Caitlin Worsham, Kalli Slay, Alana West, Ashley Saint, and Taylor Tallant. Flower girls were Blaire Hill, Baylor Hill, and Emerson Worsham.

Best man was Tody Hagen, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Jamie Cottingham, father of the groom; Jakob Terry, Zack Terry, Luke Byrd, Winn Mullican, Kam Liles, and Will McClanahan. Ring bearers were Bryce Hill, John Walker, and Eli Walker.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumley. Floral designer was Heather Sherrill. Music was provided by Gus Spears of Universal Event and Production. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet, the wedding cake was made by Rhonda Springer, the groom's cake was made by Sandra Rose Terry, and cupcakes were made by Yummie's Bakery. All Shook Up provided the bar. Hair stylist for the bride was Brandi Naylor and Laren Lindholm for the bridal party. Make up artist was Holly Renfrow. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture and videographer was Long Grass Studios.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Montego Bay, Jamaica, and are now residing in Moulton.

Photos by Create Portraiture





Rhodes, Brooks

Haley Briana Rhodes and Brandon Cory Ray Brooks were married May 15, 2021 at 6:00 in the evening at Oliver's Barn in Killen with Walter Rayburn officiating. The reception was also held at Oliver's Barn.

The bride is the daughter of Chuck and LeAnna Rhodes of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Hoytt and Barbara Rhodes of Florence, and Kathryn Maples and the late Earl Maples of Florence.

The groom is the son of Darrell and Daphne Brown of West Point, Tenn. He is the grandson of Ernie and Ann Brooks of Killen.

The bride wore a Stella York strapless designer gown that featured a sweetheart neckline, fit and flare bodice, a detailed shaped train with lace and tulle, and a button closure in the back. Her "something borrowed" was her sister's veil that she wore on her wedding day. The bride also wore a beautiful diamond and pearl necklace, along with pearl earrings, both gifts from the groom.

Matron of honor was Kaela Yerbey, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Sacora Collins, Whitney Flippo, Jessica Siegel, and Presleigh Thompson, all friends of the bride; Alli Haataja and Jenny Renfroe, cousins of the bride. Flower girls were Annie Flippo and Camila Collins.

Best man was the groom's grandfather, Ernie Brooks. Groomsmen were Cody McWilliams, brother of the groom; Hunter Rhodes, brother of the bride; Justin Barnett, Josh Riner, Will Thomas, Lincoln Taylor, and Landon Taylor, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Eli Barnett.

Floral designer was Will and Dee's Florist. Idol 7 provided music for the ceremony and entertainment at the reception. Caterer was Jill's Sweet Memories. The wedding cake was made by DeAnna Haataja and Kim Renfroe, aunts of the bride, and the groom's cake was made by Heather's Cake Creations. Hair stylist and make up artist was Lindsey Robinson. The bridesmaids dresses were from Kanali K from Mary's Bridal, and the groomsmen's suits were from Coats Clothing Company. The wedding rings were purchased from Jamie Hood Jewelers. Photographer was Gena Plaxco Images and videographer was Andrews Media Productions.

After a honeymoon at an all inclusive resort in Antigua, the couple is now residing in Florence.

Photos by Gena Plaxco Images





*Aycock,
Ragan*





Michaela Mae Aycock and Benjamin Thomas Ragan were married October 24, 2021 at 4:00 in the afternoon at Bradford Farm and Venue with Pastor Caleb Chambers officiating. The reception followed at Bradford Farm.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Michele Aycock of Muscle Shoals. She is the granddaughter of Brenda and Paul Andujar of St. Florian, William and Donna Aycock of Colbert Heights, and Debbie and Jeff Yorn of Foley.

The groom is the son of Bill and Deborah Ragan of Florence. He is the grandson of David and Sue Hollis of Collinwood, Tenn., and Bonnie Ragan of Florence.

Maid of honor was Anna Claire Gresham, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Clair Whitlock, Jacqueline Jiminez, Kasey Glasscock, and Sidney Maynor, all friends of the bride.

Best man was the groom's brother, Will Ragan. Groomsmen were Sam Ragan, brother of the groom; Aidan Aycock, brother of the bride; Sam Smith and Harrison Kummer, friends of the groom.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumley and floral designer was Heather Sherrill. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by Gus Pears of Universal Event and Production. Cater was Southern Skillet and a bar was provided by All Shook Up Bar and Beverage. The wedding cake was made by Susannah Jones of Citrus and Sage. Hair stylist and make up artist was Kelsey Munday. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Key West, Fla., and are now residing in Madison.

Information about us: Ben and I met in 2017 right before I started my freshman year of college at UNA. We went on a couple of dates before making it "Facebook official" in December of 2017. However, I knew pretty quickly that I would spend forever with Ben. Ben was so easy to fall in love with. I counted down the days until he asked me to marry him on August 22, 2020. During our premarital counseling with Pastor Caleb, he asked us to answer some questions before the wedding day, but to keep them hidden from one another. I remember one of them being when did you know your fiance was the one. I struggled with this question for days. Not because I didn't know that Ben was the one that I would spend forever with, but because how does anyone truly know the exact moment? I tried to pry the answer from Ben for what his response was for days with no success of course. I finally answered with "I don't know." Which was the truth. I don't know the exact moment that I knew Ben was the one. I blame this on how Ben has made 4 years feel like 4 seconds. Skip to the day of the wedding, Pastor Caleb had included our responses from our premarital question into the ceremony. Everyone who knows me personally knows that I am not an emotional person. However, when Pastor Caleb included Ben's response to something unique about me that Ben loves I couldn't help but to tear up. Ben's response was my blue eyes. I never guessed that would have been his answer. He even included how for the past 4 years I have always told him that I guess it's a good thing he loves my eyes because that's the one thing about a person that never ages. Of course, my answer to something unique about Ben that I love was how he is incapable of ordering from the drive thru... talk about not reading the room correctly, Michaela. Something that I also loved about Pastor Caleb including the premarital questions was him including the "when did you know" question. I realized that I could never pry Ben's answer from him because he didn't know either. Neither one of us knew the exact moment, we both just knew we were meant for one another. Anyways, all of this is to conclude how the responses to the premarital questions fit our relationship perfectly. Ben's undeniable love for me and my goofy love for Ben is what God intended for the glue for our marriage to be. So, I think it's okay that we don't know the exact moment as long as we both know that we will be each other's forever.

Something to inspire other brides: When we had first started planning the wedding, we decided to do a first look before the ceremony. Ben and I thought it would make the photography process go much smoother and quicker. We also wanted to be able to have a moment to pray together with our pastor before the actual ceremony. We were honestly just trying to make the wedding day as stress-free as possible. Well, about two weeks before the wedding date, I changed my mind. I texted Heather and said I wanted the first look to be walking down the aisle. I knew it was going to make things a little more difficult, but I knew getting to see Ben's reaction would be worth it. We met with Heather and Pastor Caleb and planned how we were going to pray without seeing each other before the ceremony. I thought there was no way we would be able to pull it off. But of course, Heather and Cecilia made my dreams come true. That was the BEST decision I had made for my wedding. Being able to see each other's raw, pure reaction was absolutely amazing. I could just feel the love and excitement swarming like bees in my heart. I will never forget that moment. I encourage all brides to wait until walking down the aisle if they can. It was the perfect ending to my dream wedding.

Photos by Create Portraiture







Young, Folse

Lyndsey Grace Young and Marcus Robert Folse were married October 9, 2021 at 5:30 in the afternoon at The Ledges in Huntsville with Stacy Horton officiating. The reception was also held at The Ledges following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Stacy and Laura Horton of Florence and the late Roy Young Jr. She is the granddaughter of Linda McGee of Madison, Ellen Horton and the late James A. Horton of Selmer, Tenn., and the late Larry and Christine Mitchell of Florence.

The groom is the son of Jerry and Samantha Folse of Mobile. He is the grandson of James T. Lilley and the late Gloria Lilley of Coden, Ala., and the late Paul J. and Lillian Folse of Mobile.

The bride wore a stunning ivory A-line gown featuring a bodice of hand sewn lace with a belt of delicate beading. The skirt featured trailing floral lace and multiple layers of sparkling tulle. The cathedral length veil was edged in petite sequins and was accented by a pearl and jewel hair comb. Both were purchased from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle. The bride also wore a blue topaz necklace gifted to her by the groom during their first look on their wedding day.

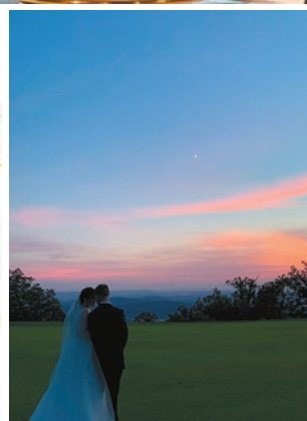
Maid of honor was Chelsea Alexander, friend of the bride, and matron of honor was Allison Allen, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Sydney James and Michaela Smith, friends of the bride; Makaela Paul, twin sister of the groom; and Chalie Woolley, sister of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Reagan Folse, niece of the groom. Flower girl was Charlotte Lancaster, friend of the couple.

Best man was Nathan Jones, best friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Jerry Folse, father of the groom; Jeremy Folse, brother of the groom; Gaither Jones, friend of the groom; Gabe Paul, brother-in-law of the groom; and Hunter Allen, brother-in-law of the bride. Ring bearer was Hunter Folse, nephew of the groom. He carried a pillow made by the bride's late grandmother thirty-three years earlier for the bride's parents' wedding.

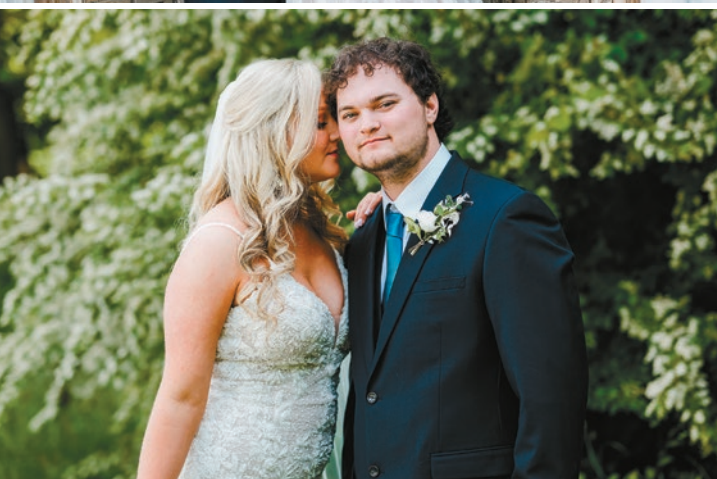
Wedding director was Faith Woods of Faith Woods Events. Floral designer was Old Frond Floral Co. The reception was catered by The Ledges. The wedding cake was made by Edgar's Bakery, and instead of a groom's cake, the groom had traditional bread pudding and apple pie bread pudding. Guest book attendants were Caroline Gooch and Cecilia Gooch. Hair stylist was Mellany Lancaster and make up artist was Corey Nichols of Makeup by Corey. Photographer was Andrew Swindle Photography and videographer was Brandon Hancock of Moving Picture.

For their honeymoon, the couple stayed in a beautiful scenic cabin in the mountains of Blue Ridge, Ga. They are now residing in Mobile.

Photos by Andrew Swindle Photography



*Nunley,
Rone*



Collin and I have been together for over 5 years, and we have been anxiously waiting for this day since we laid eyes on each other. As our wedding day was approaching, I don't believe we were prepared for how perfect this moment was going to be. I have never been filled with so much peace like I was on the day I vowed to spend the rest of my life with the one the Lord saw fit to be my husband. Peace and love continue to fill our hearts, home, and lives this very day. We are so thankful for Heather at Bradford Farm & Venue for helping us plan the wedding of our dreams. I asked Collin if there was something he'd like to add to the wedding plans that would make him happy. "My bike!", and we would not have had it any other way. He and his groomsmen rode their Harley Davidsons up to the ceremony site, and after we said, "I do", we rode off on his Road King together! Everything was perfect, and we're so glad we added a little piece of our lifestyle into this beautiful day!

Katelyn Breanna Nunley and Michael Collin Rone exchanged wedding vows May 8, 2021 at 6:30 in the evening at Bradford Farm & Venue with Bro. Timothy Ryan officiating. The reception was held "Between the Two Trees" at Bradford Farm.

The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Anna Powers of Iuka, Miss. and the late Joseph L. Nunley of Tishomingo, Miss. She is the granddaughter of the late Hayden Castleberry of Midway, Miss.

The groom is the son of Michael and Tammy Rone of Iuka, Miss. He is the grandson of Connie Ray and Elizabeth Jones and Sandra Puckett and the late Lucian Puckett, all of Iuka, Miss.

The bride wore an Allure Bridals gown from Cherry Tree Lane in Florence. The groom's attire was from Coats Clothing Company in Florence.

Maid of honor was Madelyn Lindsey and matron of honor was Kristen Lindsey, both friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Gracie Nunley, sister of the bride; Ansley Eubank and Madison Harris, friends of the bride. Flower girl was Amanda Grace Lindsey, friend of the bride.

Best men were Michael Rone, father of the groom, and Courtney Prather, brother-in-law of the groom. Groomsmen were Colton Woodruff, Tyler Long, and Hunter Hyde, all friends of the groom. Ring bearers were Elliott Prather and Pacen Prather, nephews of the groom.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumley and floral designer was Heather Sherrill. Music for the ceremony and entertainment for the reception was provided by Gus Spears. Caterer was Southern Skillet, the wedding cake was made by Lisa Overby, and the groom's cake was made by Makenzie Edwards. A bar was provided by All Shook Up Bar & Catering. Hair stylists were Shelly Harwell and Karsen Harwell, and make up artist was Maleigh McCloy. Photographer was Heather Bradford Sherrill of Create Portraiture, and videographer was Long Grass Studios.

The couple spent their honeymoon at Margaritaville Resort in St. Thomas, USVI. They are now residing in Iuka, Miss.

Photos by Create Portraiture





Finch, Thomas

Phoebe Jane Finch and Cody Lake Thomas exchanged wedding vows on January 23, 2021 at 4:00 in the afternoon at First Presbyterian Church of Tuscumbia with Dr. Randy Thompson officiating. A reception was held at Turtle Point Yacht & Country Club in Killen, AL following the ceremony hosted by the bride's parents.

The bride is the daughter of Stephen Warren and Amy Jon Finch of Tuscumbia. She is the granddaughter of the late Charles William "Billy" and Jane Wright Barnett, and Joseph Warren and Sandra Ricks Finch, Jr., all of Tuscumbia.

The groom is the son of David Kyle and Deanna Thomas of Sheffield. He is the grandson of Betty Ladner Douthit and the late Robert Eugene Douthit, the late Tommie Jean Willingham, and the late James Herbert Thomas.

For her wedding, the bride chose a Rosa Clara Couture long sleeve lace gown with a full satin skirt from Nicole Barré Bridal Boutique in Memphis, Tenn.

Maid of honor was Sydney Elizabeth Malone. Bridesmaids were Mary Elizabeth Albritton, Erin Leigh Askew, Gabrielle Lee Bopp, Emily Anna Brazeale, Morgan Brandt Denlinger, Katherine Cornelius Ellison, Allyson Elizabeth English, Mackenzie Anna Roberts, Mallorie Ann Simoneaux, Hannah Faith Thomas, and Samantha Anderson Turner. Flower girl was Sally Robbins Spearing. Bridal attendants were May Caitlin Finch, Sarah Katherine James, Katherine Leland Barnett, Kelsey Mae Wilson, and Kathryn Hope Wilson, all cousins of the bride.

Best man was David Kyle Thomas. Groomsmen were Bryan Mcknight Carr IV, Taylor Logan Ellison, Charles Warren Finch, Henry Barnett Finch, Milam Kyle Hester, Zackary Jo Hester, Nicholas Sloan Hester, Russell Lake McCann, Clenton Ladner McLeary, Rush Taylor Shirley II, Jake Alan Thomas, and Christian Gunner Zak. Ring bearer was Banks Turner Spearing.

Wedding director was Cord and Court's Event Planning, and Lola's Gifts and Flowers was the floral designer. Ceremony music was provided by Brian Beck. The reception was catered by Turtle Point Yacht & Country Club, and Yummies Bakery & Deli. The band, The Midnighters, provided the reception entertainment. Hair stylist and make up artist was Laren Lindholm. Photographer was Ben Finch of Finch Photography, Athens, Tenn., and videographer was Blake Hudson. Bridesmaids dresses were from Promenade in Tuscumbia. The rehearsal dinner was held at the Roundhouse and Tuscumbia, and was hosted by the groom's parents.

The wedding weekend was full of God's grace, beauty and love. All taking place at the bride's home, Locust Hill, Turtle Point Yacht & Country Club and First Presbyterian Church of Tuscumbia while surrounded by family and friends.

After a honeymoon in Jackson, Wyo., the couple is residing in Muscle Shoals.

Photos by Finch Photography







Willingham, Rice

Katie Ann Willingham and Dakodah Shane Rice were married September 18, 2021 at 5:30 in the afternoon at Bradford Farm and Venue in Town Creek. Jason Williams officiated the ceremony, and a reception followed at Bradford Farm.

The bride is the daughter of Geoffrey Willingham of Tusculumbia, and Angela Willingham of Sheffield. She is the granddaughter of Virginia Lyle-Bachelor of Haleyville, the late Earl Frank Lyle of Haleyville, and the late Buddy and Rejetta Willingham of Sheffield.

The groom is the son of Shane and Rebecca Rice of Florence. He is the grandson of Roy and Shirley Butler of Florence, and the late Leroy and Jeanette Michael of Lexington.

The bride chose an Essense of Australia fit and flare silhouette gown with ivory and silver glitter tulle and double scalloped train from The Something Blue Shoppe.

Maid of honor was Ashton Adderhold and matron of honor was Haley Kelley, both friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Macy Davis, Kaitlyn Hensley, Jai Davis, Paige Lewey, and Tessa Armstead, all friends of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Zoe Jones, cousin of the groom. Flower girl was Finleigh MaeLynn Beavers, daughter of the bride.

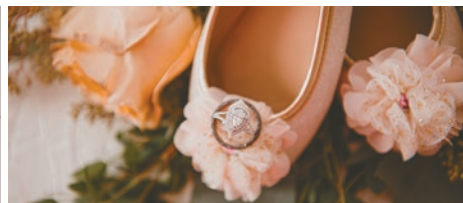
Best man was Rafe Rice, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Daniel Hayes, Tyler Wallace, Hunter Kelley, Justin Scott, Alex Rikard, and Lane Canerday, all friends of the groom. Ring bearers were Will Lyle and Jake Lyle, cousins of the bride.

Wedding directors were Heather Sherrill and Cecilia Brumley, and Heather Sherrill was also the floral designer. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by Gus Spears of Universal Event and Production. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Wendy Weeks. All Shook Up provided the bar and bartender. Hair stylist was Kailey Myhan of Glamour Unlimited Salon, Loretto, Tenn., and make up artist was Savanna Vinson. Photographer was Tracy McGough Photography of Haleyville, and videographer was Ace Eaton Designs. The bridesmaids dresses were from Revelry.com and the groom and groomsmen's attire was from Coats Clothing in Florence. The rehearsal dinner was held at Double Head Resort, and was catered by Jill's Sweet Memories. The wedding rings were from Grogan Jewelers by Lon.

The couple spent their honeymoon at Hawks Cay Resort in Key West, Fla. They are now residing in Florence.

Photos by Tracy McGough Photography







Emily Rachel McNairy and Luke Andrew Hooie were married May 30, 2021 at 5:00 in the afternoon in Athens with Joel Carwile officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Allen McNairy, Jr. of Athens. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne White and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Allen McNairy Sr., all of Athens.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sean Hunt Hooie of Athens. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Clifton Blakely, the late Mr. Buford "Bud" Hendrix, and the late Mr. Clayburn Phillip Hooie, all of Athens.

The bride wore a beautiful white satin Augusta Jones gown with matching cathedral veil from Carriage House Weddings, along with Jimmy Choo shoes.

Maid of honor was Mary Paige Hunt, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mackenzie Joy Breeding, Madelyn Lee Breeding, Allison Jeanne Behrens, Skylar Holmes Glassco, Kendal Elizabeth Gower, Caroline Elizabeth Medlen, Leah Nicole Rodgers, Anna Claire Stephens, Grace Ann Vanderlugt, Anne Marie Velez, all friends of the bride, and Morgan Celeste Stiles, cousin of the bride. Flower girl was Meredith Lynn Hughes, cousin of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, Sean Hooie. Groomsmen were Johnny Lee Chandler, Hayden Davis Gower, Christopher William Hagood, Bailey Christopher Holt, Evan Shaw Hughes, Luke Allen Johnson, Austin Emmett Tucker Reeves, Wesley Scott Smith, all friends of the groom; Preston Andrew Jennings, cousin of the groom; and Jacob Allen McNairy, brother of the bride. Ring bearer was Cooper Goff, friend of the bride.

Wedding director was Erica Thimsen of Helping Hand Parties & Weddings. Floral designer was Jeannie Pirtle of Weddings by Jeannie. Ceremony music was provided by organist Canna Ricketts. The reception, held at the Abernathy Home, was catered by Chef on Call, Huntsville. The wedding cake was made by Lynn's Cakes and the groom's cake was made by Chandra's Piece of Cake. Reception entertainment was provided by The Park Band. Hair stylist and make up artist was Hali Gurley of South of Main Salon. Photographer was Leslie Hollingsworth Photography and videographer was Lumpstick Productions. The send off car was provided by Coats Classic Cars.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the couple had to cancel their honeymoon and are planning it for their one year anniversary. They plan to stay at the Hilton Resort & Spa in Moorea and the St. Regis in Bora Bora. They are residing in Athens.

Photos by Leslie Hollingsworth Photography







Blaire Breanna Solley and John Taylor Greer were married December 11, 2021. Vows were exchanged at 4:00 in the afternoon with Isaac Brown officiating the ceremony at Bradford Farm and Venue.

The bride is the daughter of Jennifer and Joel Newton of Lexington and Jimmy Solley of Rogersville. She is the granddaughter of Marilyn Wall and the late John Wall of Goodspring, Tenn., Donald and Patricia Newton of Rogersville, and the late Stanley and Dorothy Solley of Rogersville.

The groom is the son of Wade and Tina Greer of Rogersville. He is the grandson of Leland and Mary Ann Balch of Lexington, and Billie Greer and the late Willis Greer of Rogersville.

The bride wore a beautiful white lace Martina Liana gown from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle.

Maid of honor was Alexis Haraway and matron of honor was Allison Glover, both friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Lindsay Greer, sister of the groom; Shannon Pettus, Morgan Putman, Kristin Newton, Molly Mason, and Kayla Michael, all friends of the bride. Junior bridesmaids were Sydney Solley and Allie Solley, sisters of the bride. Flower girl was Eliza Johnson, cousin of the groom.

Best man was Wade Greer, father of the groom. Groomsmen were Ryan Michael, Matthew Glover, Cody Murphree, Chantry Barnett, Caleb Richardson, Tydus Stewart, all friends of the groom, and Adam Newton, brother of the bride. Ring bearer was Nash Campbell, cousin of the bride.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumley. Floral designer was Heather Bradford Sherrill. Music for the ceremony and the reception entertainment were provided by Gus Spears of Universal Event & Production Services. The reception, held at Bradford Farms following the ceremony, was catered by Southern Skillet. The wedding cake was made by Makenzie Edwards of The Flour Girl, and the groom's cake was made by Bridgette Newton. Hair stylist was Rebecca Parker and make up artist was Savana Vinson. Photographer was Heather Bradford Sherrill of Create Portraiture and videographer was Awaken Films. The bride and groom's rings were from Grogan Jewelers in Florence.

After a honeymoon at Sandals Royal Caribbean Resort in Jamaica, the couple is now residing in Rogersville.

Photos by Create Portraiture







Davis, Fretwell

Katherine Davis and Braxton Fretwell were married June 5, 2021 at 6:30 in the evening at Danclay Farms with Matthew Kirkpatrick officiating. The reception followed at Danclay Farms.

The bride is the daughter of Blake Davis of Waynesboro, Tenn. and Hope and Chris Winton of Florence. The groom is the son of Brandon and Jolene Fretwell of Hatton.

The bride chose a custom bridal gown from Kathleen's Bridal, with custom Badgley Mischka shoes. For the reception, she wore her mother's silk wedding gown.

Maid of honor was Mary Lauren Davis, twin sister of the bride, and matron of honor was Ally Piefer, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Parker Hanson, Allie Brooks, Jillian Fretwell, Natalie Chowning, Mamie Clark, and Anna Young Swanner. Flower girls were Ruthie Wakefield, Molly Wilkins, and Abigail Wilkins.

Best man was the groom's brother, Bryce Fretwell. Groomsmen were Jalen Johnson, Evan Franks, Reed Gillespie, Bailey Logston, Brayden Benvenuti, Nick Piefer and Zac Majors. Ring bearers were George Wakefield and Eli Kirkpatrick.

Wedding director was Meighan Adams Winton. Floral designers were Nip and Tuck Florist and Florals by Jeannie. Painter was Breanna Pope. Music for the ceremony was provided by Hunter Cornelius. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet and Debbie Hardaway made the wedding cake. Hair stylist was Lindsey Chowning Robinson of Halo Hair, and make up artist was Corey Nichols. Photographer was Kayla Augustine and videographer was Morgan Belew.

After a honeymoon in Punta Cana, Cominican Republic, the couple is now residing in Florence.

Photos by Kayla Augustine



Brown, Nielsen





We had a traditional Hawaiin wedding ceremony on the beach, performed by Rev. Kuya, who is a member of an estimated 6% of the remaining fully native Hawaiians. Everything leading up to our ceremony was done via email and text messages with Darci and could not have been more stress-free, which is exactly what I needed! I honestly didn't have to worry about anything as Darci and her team took care of every detail, and she worked with me to be as hands-on (or in my case, hands-off) as I wanted to be. Having Darci to answer any questions we had and to make sure everything was planned out for us let me enjoy our trip and the day, which made the ceremony feel much more laid-back and "aloha". I am so happy that we were able to do a destination wedding and have a team like Darci's to take on all the components of a ceremony that would have completely overwhelmed me had I tried to tackle it on my own! The photos and videos turned out amazing with the beach and waves in the background. Everything was just so wonderful and I couldn't have been happier!

We arrived in Hawaii four days before our wedding, so we joked that we had our honeymoon before we even got married. The whole reason we were in Hawaii was originally to celebrate my Mom and Dad's 50th wedding anniversary, and the trip was pushed back one year due to Covid travel restrictions. By the time we finally got to Hawaii, Bradley and I were engaged and Mom and Dad were celebrating their 51st anniversary.

Wedding director/coordinator was Aloha Maui Dream Weddings and they took care of EVERYTHING! All we had to do was show up that day. Darci P. handled our wedding; she is the owner and lead planner. Travel agent Jan McCarley of WithOut Borders Travel and Tours, Killen, put together the wedding package through Aloha Maui Dream Weddings.

Allison Paige Brown and Bradley Alan Nielsen were married Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 2:30 in the afternoon in a beautiful beach ceremony at Makena Cove Beach, Maui, Hawaii with Rev. Robert Kuya Alamodin officiating. A reception was held at the Royal Lahaina Luau following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Eddie and Kathy Brown of Greenhill. She is the granddaughter of the late Joseph E. and Lydia Brown of Russellville, the late Claiborne Pettus and the late Mildred Pettus McCafferty of Greenhill.

The groom is the son of Michael and Karen Nielsen of St. Clair, MO. He is the grandson of the late Theodore and Eileen Nielsen of O'Fallon, MO. and the late Cecil and Lois Cassity of Rothville, MO.

Maid of honor and ring bearer was Lila Faith Aday, niece and best friend of the bride.

The bride's gown was purchased from Juanita's Fashion in Sheffield. She also wore Keds x Kate Spade glitter sneakers and sapphire drop earrings by Cleo Classic Designs.

Hair stylist and make up artist was Monica Aday of Beauty Makers Studio in Florence, sister of the bride. Photographer was Penny Palmer Photography and Aloha Maui Dream Weddings. Videographer was Ian with Aloha Maui Dream Weddings.

The couple is now residing in Florence.



Photos by Penny Palmer Photography and Aloha Maui Dream Weddings



Phillips, Stanley

Rachel Marie Phillips and Christian Sudduth Stanley were married October 3, 2021 at 4:00 in the afternoon at Bradford Farm with Pastor Matthew Griffin officiating. The reception was also held at Bradford Farm following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Allen and Belinda Phillips of Florence. The groom is the son of Terri Stanley-Nolfe and Coe Nolfe and the late Bart Stanley.

The bride wore a beautiful white gown with custom sleeves with a matching veil and garter custom made with lace from the bride's mother's wedding dress.

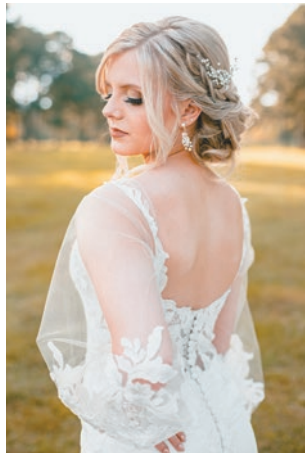
Maid of honor was Nikki Bailey, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Jordan Hardy, Elysabeth Chamness, Mary Grace Kelley, Grace Stanley, Laney Owens, Carly Mason, and Michaela Pruitt. Flower girls were Cora Schoendorf and Emma Pruitt.

Best man was Michael Schmidt, best friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Chad Martin, Lexus Price, Justin Paxton, Nathan Smith, Zak Richardson, Alex Nolfe, and Neil Smith. Ring bearer was Judah Pruitt.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumley and floral designer was Heather Bradford Sherrill. Music for the ceremony and reception was provided by Gus Spears of Universal Event & Production. Southern Skillet catered the reception and Heather Griffin of Jam and Peg Bakery made the wedding cake and groom's cake. Hair stylist and make up artist was Laren Lindholm. Photographer was Ashton Willis of Beloved Imagery and videographer was Justin Lawson. See the bride and groom's wedding story at theknot.com/stanleyatthealtar.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Port Orford, Ore. and San Francisco, Calif.

Photos by Beloved Imagery





Mizell, Coan

Emma McGee Mizell and Jesse Lance Coan were married October 30, 2021 in a 5:00 afternoon ceremony held at Creekside at Collier's End in Mooresville, Ala. with Will Brown officiating. The reception followed at Creekside.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mark Mizell Sr. and the late Elizabeth Johnson Mizell of Moulton. She is the granddaughter of the late Bonard and Violene Mizell of Trinity, and the late Authur Floyd Johnson Sr. and the late Lona Belle Johnson of Decatur.

The groom is the son of Randal and Carmalita Coan of Mount Hope. He is the grandson of the late James and Nell Payne of Hatton and the late Alton and Mable Coan of Mount Hope.

The bride wore a beautiful long sleeved gown from Cherry Tree Lane in Florence.

Matrons of honor were Caitlin Brown and Kelsie Monk, best friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kelsie Murphree, Sophie Russell, Laura Jones, all friends of the bride; Kishia Locke, cousin of the bride; and Sarah Parker, sister of the groom. Junior bridesmaids were Kealee Brown and Adley Jones, friends of the bride and groom. Flower girls were Kendall Brown and Livi Jones, friends of the bride and groom.

Best man was the groom's father, Randal Coan. Groomsmen were Cody Hall, Aaron Jones, David Jones, Matthew Warren, Chad Brewer, Spencer Arthur, and Clayton Monk, all friends of the groom. Ring bearers were Zainen Jones and Charles Jones, friends of the couple, and Jaxon Parker, nephew of the groom.

Wedding directors were Debbie Mason of Creekside, and Kishia Locke, cousin of the bride. Floral designers were Carmalita Coan and Justin Myrick. Music for the ceremony and the reception was provided by JD Jammin' Jeff. The reception was catered by Taco Mama and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Suzann White. Hair stylist was Whitney Butler of Parlor 217, and make up artist was Corey Nichols. Photographer was Gena Plaxco Images.

After a honeymoon road trip across the southwest back from Las Vegas, the couple is now residing in Moulton.

Photos by Gena Plaxco Images





McGregory, Mann

Sydney McGregor and Cody Mann were married December 31, 2021 at 3:30 in the afternoon on the chapel lawn at Bradford Farm & Venue. Brother Rudy Guess officiated the ceremony, and the reception followed at Bradford Farm.

The bride is the daughter of Shannon and Carla McGregor of Sheffield. She is the granddaughter of Truman and Norma Hallmark of Muscle Shoals, Ronald and Elizabeth McGregor of Muscle Shoals, and the late Freda Morrow of Florence.

The groom is the son of Kim and Theron Lee of Winfield, and Bill and Pam Mann of Monroe, La. He is the grandson of Lolita Hubbert and the late Joseph Hubbert, and the late Dr. George Harold and Joanne Foster Mann.

The bride had always dreamed of wearing her mother's wedding gown. With the help of Alison Anne Bridal Alterations, the already beautiful fit and flare gown was transformed into a spaghetti strapped and low backed gown. It was still traditional, but with a modern twist. She also wore navy blue satin Badgley Mischka pumps.

Maid of honor was Ashlan Rodgers and matron of honor was Meredith Wadkins, both sorority sisters and best friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Shayna Hodge, Caitlin McCrary, Chloe Campbell, Sydney Malone, all friends of the bride; Brittney McGregor, sister-in-law of the bride; and Rae Mann, sister of the groom. Flower girl was Harper Tidwell, friend of the bride.

Best man was Mason Garner, best friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Colton Wadkins, Jakob Terry, Adam Terry, Lance Harold, Devin McCallister, all friends of the groom; Carson McGregor, brother of the bride; and Theron Lee, step-brother of the groom. Ring bearer was Dallas Mann, the couple's black Labrador retriever.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumley. Floral designer was Heather Bradford Sherrill. Caterer was Southern Skillet Catering. The wedding cake was made by Mrs. Judy Wann, great-aunt of the bride, and the groom's cake was made by The Flour Girl. Reception entertainment was provided by Gus Spears, and a bar and bartenders were provided by All Shook Up Beverage Catering. Hair stylist was Whitney Butler and make up artist was Savana Vinson. Photographer was Heather Bradford Sherrill of Create Portraiture, and videographer was Ace Eaton Designs and Production.

After a honeymoon at Sandal's Resort in Montego Bay, Jamaica, the couple is now residing in Starkville, Miss.

Photos by Create Portraiture





Clark, Ross

Katie Clark and Daniel Ross were married June 25, 2021 in a 6:00 evening ceremony at Harvest Hollow Venue and Farm with Austin Johnson officiating. The reception followed at Harvest Hollow.

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Susan Clark of Florence. She is the granddaughter of the late JB and Polly Gist of Killen, and Charles and Betty Clark of Florence.

The groom is the son of Monica Ross and Greg Ross, both of Florence. He is the grandson of Willie and Betty Hamblen of Witchita, Kan., Lowell McGuire of Florence, Clariece Ross and the late Earl Ross of Benton, Ark.

For her wedding, the bride wore her a white gown from Cherry Tree Lane, purchased in 2017 and worn as a prom dress when the bride and groom attended prom together in high school. Ms. Toni at Victory Bridal reconstructed it and made it into the bride's dream wedding dress, but left it to where the groom would recognize it from high school.

Bridesmaids were Lucy Burch, Hailey Chastain, Laken Swinea, Catherine Richardson, Grace Miller, Meredith Whitehead, Beth Owens, all friends of the bride; Meghan Clark and Erin Street, sisters-in-law of the bride; and Hope Birdwell, cousin of the bride. Flower girl was Adalyn Williams.

Groomsmen were Jonathan Wakefield, Hunter Haislip, Jacob Rich, Preston Bennett, Luke Witherow, David Story, Moises Ortega, Brandon Thomas, all friends of the groom; Chris Clark, brother of the bride; Scott Street, brother-in-law of the bride. Ring bearer was Brayden Williams.

Wedding director was Teri Brown, and floral designer was Pam Thomas. Music for the ceremony and entertainment for the reception was provided by Shoals Event Specialst. Southern Skillet catered the reception, and Take the Cake made the wedding cake and groom's cake. Hair stylist was Taylor McGee from Texture and make up artist was Savanna Vinson. Photographer and videographer was Creative Dust Studios. Bridesmaids dresses and the groomsmen's ties were from Revelry Bridal Shop. Other special helpers were Lifted Balloon Company.

After a honeymoon in Destin, Fla., the couple is now residing in Selmer, Tenn.

Photos by Creative Dust Studios





Askew, Hester



Erin Leigh Askew and Milam Kyle Hester were married September 25, 2021 in a 6:00 evening ceremony at the Old Railroad Bridge in Sheffield with Bobby Hyde officiating. The reception was held at Sweetwater Depot in Florence following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Bradley and Kelly Askew of Sheffield. She is the granddaughter of the late Robert and Alma Askew of Sheffield, Pat and John Kirkpatrick of Cullman, and Jim and Rosie West of Cullman.

The groom is the son of Rodney Hester and Shannon and Gary Highfield. He is the grandson of Charles and Carolyn Christopher of Florence, the late Roger Hester of Tuscumbia, Gloria Sloan and the late Roy M. Sloan Sr. of Florence, and the late Virginia Jo Bennett of Sheffield.

Maid of honor was Madison Ware, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Anna Kate Snips, Alison Brocato, Kate Ellison, Mollie Kate Hollaway, Phoebe Thomas, Saylor Thompson, all friends of the bride; Ariana Askew and Avari Askew, nieces of the bride; and Hope Highfield, cousin. Flower girl was Chloe Pendergrast, niece of the groom.

Best man was the groom's father, Rodney Hester. Groomsmen were Ben Brocato, Christian Zak, Cody Thomas, Joshua Southern, Lake McCann, McKnight Carr, Taylor Ellison, all friends of the groom; Chase Askew, brother of the bride; Nick Hester and Zack Hester, brothers of the groom. Ring bearer was John Luke Peters, cousin of the groom.

Wedding director was Amanda Peters and floral designer was Carmalita Coan. Music for the ceremony and the reception was provided by Jeff Henson. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet, the wedding cake was made by Patrick Martin Cake Company, and the groom's cake was made by Monica Gatlin. The bride's gown was from The Something Blue Shoppe. Hair stylists were Shannon Highfield and Annabeth Mask, and make up artists were Kelsey Munday and Laren Lindholm. Ricky Saint provided the vintage truck for the couple's exit. Photographer was Gena Plaxco Images and videographer was Long Grass Studios. The rehearsal dinner was held at The Logan Room in Sheffield and was catered by Red Clay Table Catering.

After a honeymoon in Key West, Fla., the couple is now residing in Tuscumbia.

Photos by Gena Plaxco Images





*Pate,
Cook*



Loren Ruth Pate and Hunter Reid Cook were married October 16, 2021 at 4:00 in the afternoon at the home of the groom's parents in Tuscumbia, with Steven Butler officiating. The reception followed at the Swindle home.

The bride is the daughter of Joey and Kim Pate of Muscle Shoals. She is the granddaughter of the late Loren and Mary Pate of Sheffield and the late Clifford and Billie Lindsey of Muscle Shoals.

The groom is the son of Ryan and Lucy Swindle of Tuscumbia and Mike and Kim Cook of Red Bay. He is the grandson of Mike and Peggy Cook of Tuscumbia, and Frances Reid and the late William A. Reid Jr.

The bride chose a beautiful off-the-shoulder style gown from Promenade in Tuscumbia.

Matron of honor was Lindsey Pate Tidwell, sister of the bride. Flower girl was Harper Tidwell, niece of the bride.

Best man was Ryan Swindle, step-father of the groom. Ring bearer was Houston Tidwell, nephew of the bride.

Floral designer was Carmalita Coan. Ceremony music was provided by Quad Cities DJ Zach Haygood. The reception was catered by Las Viejos Restaurant of Hartselle, and the wedding cake was made by Tina Miller Parker. The bride's hair and makeup were done by Hailee Austin. Special helpers were Lynn Holt and Charlotte Tillery. Photographer was Bella Bliss Photography and videographer was Zach Thomas and Bryant Letsinger of Phycy Flyco.

The couple is now residing in Tuscumbia.

Photos by Bella Bliss Photography









Nancy Caroline Walker and William Knowlton Gilmer were married June 12, 2021 at 5:00 in the afternoon at A. Hamilton Reid Chapel at Samford University. The reception was held at The Grand Bohemian Hotel in Mountain Brook following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Will and Nelda Walker of Haleyville. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Lynn of Hamilton, Mrs. Rena Walker and the late Mr. Earl Frank Walker Jr of Haleyville.

The groom is the son of Jerry and Glenda Gilmer of Winfield. He is the grandson of Mrs. Mary Frances Hocutt and the late Mr. Hubert Hocutt of Fayette, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gilmer of Winfield.

For her wedding, the bride chose an Allure Couture beaded lace fit and flare ivory gown with a scalloped edge chapel length train, Giselle Bridals cathedral length veil and headpiece purchased from Diane's Formal Affair in Jasper, Badgley Mischka shoes, and Marlena Dupelle pendant earrings. As her "something blue", the bride wore an aquamarine ring that was also worn by her mother on her wedding day. She carried her late grandmother Lynn's vintage blue Wedgwood cameo pin and linen handkerchief with her bouquet as her "something borrowed" and "something old".

Matron of honor was Raeleigh Monk, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Allie Gilmer, sister of the groom, Emory Buckner and Kristin Gunderson, friends of the bride. Flower girls were Vera Whiteside and Blakely Whiteside, cousins of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, Jerry Gilmer. Groomsmen were Drew Hankins, Jonathan Mincey, and Dustin Kilgore, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Karsyn Brown, cousin of the groom. Ushers were Chase Gilmer and Slade Gilmer, cousins of the groom, Britton McCreless and Jackson McCreless, cousins of the bride.

Wedding director was Faith Woods Events. Floral designer was Pink Pear Florists. Ceremony music was provided by Cahaba River Strings Quartet, pianist Marissa Mayfield, and vocalist Thomas Fleischman. Reception entertainment was provided by Derek Sellers Music. The reception was catered by The Grand Bohemian Hotel, and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Dreamcakes Bakery. Program attendant was Ally Williams, cousin of the bride. Coats Classic Cars provided a white Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow for the couple's wedding day transportation; wedding stationery provided by Empress Stationery; Suzanne Cunningham Calligraphy; wedding signage provided by Ledgewood Fine Stationery; mirror calligraphy by Porter Rivers Art, wedding favor cookies provided by Meg's Custom Cookies. Hair stylist and make up artist was MadStyle by Madeline Benton. Photographer was Be Light Photography and videographer was Nicholson Creative.

A lovely bridal luncheon was held the day before the wedding at Galley and Garden located in the historic Merritt House in Birmingham. After the rehearsal, the groom's parents hosted a dinner at Gianmarco's in Homewood.

The couple spent their honeymoon at Hyatt Baha Mar Resort in Nassau, Bahamas. They are now residing in Hoover.

Photos by Be Light Photography





*Staggs,
McBrayer*



Hannah Gayle Staggs and Zakery Todd McBrayer exchanged wedding vows October 9, 2021 at 5:30 in the afternoon at The Owl's Landing in Killen with Isaac Brown officiating. The reception was also held at The Owl's Landing, following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Shane and Amanda Staggs of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Howard Pigg and the late Gayle Pigg and Junior and Charlotte Staggs, all of Florence.

The groom is the son of Todd McBrayer and Monica and Jody Lisby, all of Florence. He is the grandson of Donnie and Mary McBrayer of Florence, and the late Roger and Shirley Jackson.

The bride chose a beaded scroll and lace mermaid style gown with a beaded floral scroll cathedral veil. She also wore a crystal necklace and matching earrings, her mother's diamond tennis bracelet, her late grandmother's wedding ring, white Dr. Marten's combat boots, and a special bracelet from the groom.

Maid of honor was Shelby Bevis, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Linley Beecham, friend of the bride; Madison Staggs and Caraline Pigg, cousins of the bride. Flower girls were Savanna Pigg and Natalie Pigg, cousins of the bride, and flower dude was Garrett Rotton, friend of the groom.

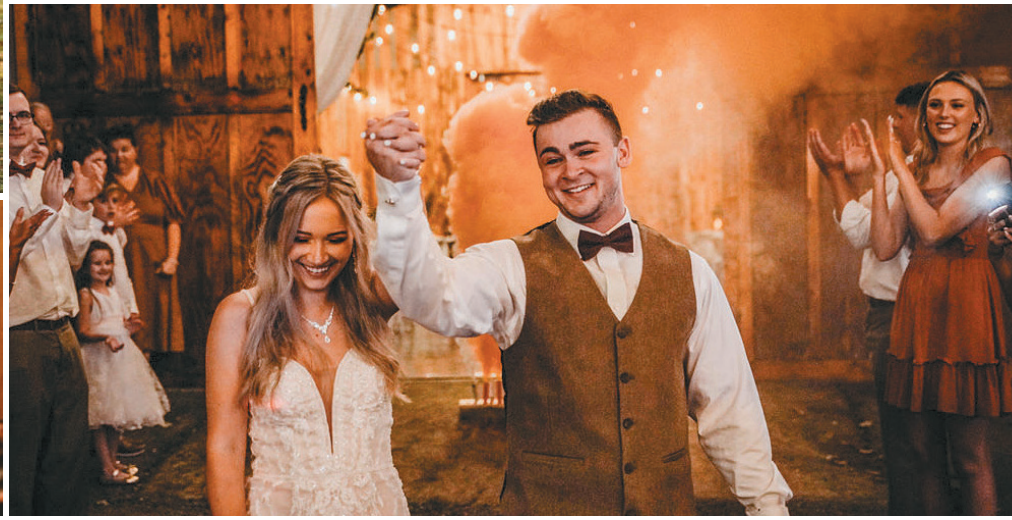
Best man was the groom's brother, Hunter McBrayer. Groomsmen were Brandon Jones, Aaron Eckl, Brad Gean, and Hunter Kelsey, all friends of the groom. Ring bearers were Austin Pigg and Mason Pigg, cousins of the bride.

Wedding director and floral designer was Dawn Pettus. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by Shoals Event Specialist. The reception was catered by Whole Hog Express, the wedding cake was made by Mollie Parker, and the groom's cake was made by Lauren Thomas. Hair stylist was Tiffany Powell of Parlor 217 and make up artists were Audrey Montgomery and Savana Vinson. Photographer was Love and Bloom Studios and videographer was Nelson Studios.

For their honeymoon, the couple took a trip out West, visiting Montana, Utah, Wyoming and Idaho, including visiting and sightseeing at Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park. They are now residing in Florence.

Photos by Love and Bloom Studios







Beavers, King

Savana Leann Beavers and Justin Worth King were married November 13, 2021. Vows were exchanged at 4:30 in the afternoon at Danclay Farms with Judge Kyle Brown officiating. The reception was held at Danclay Farms following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jessica and Jeremy Williams and Brett Beavers. She is the granddaughter of Julia Smith and the late Roy Smith, Ben and Glenda Beavers, and Steve and Marilyn Mitchell.

The groom is the son of Tony and Krystal King. He is the grandson of the late Kenny and Sharon Soeder and the late Billy and Louise King.

The bride wore a beautiful gown from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle, along with Steve Madden shoes and her great-grandmother's pearl bracelet.

Maid of honor was Ali Beavers, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were Ashlyn Killian, Ashlyn Pifer, Summer Beavers, Kayla Green, Kaitlen Tippett, and Scarlett Johnson, all friends of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Julianna Williams, sister of the bride. Flower girls were Finleigh Beavers, cousin of the bride, and Danica King, niece of the groom. Hostess was Bella Grissom.

Best man was the groom's father, Tony King. Groomsmen were Jordan King, brother of the groom; Hunter Danley, Austin Tippett, Skylar Rikard, Hunter Ladner, all friends of the groom; and Drake Beavers, cousin of the bride. Ring bearer was Kasen Beavers, cousin of the bride. Ushers were Houston Grissom and Mason Soeder.

Wedding director and floral designer was Dawn Pettus. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by Wesley Ayers. The rehearsal was catered by Blue Coast Burrito and the reception was catered by Whole Hog. The wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Bellaria Wedding Cakes by Tina. Hair stylist was Anna Beth Alexander and make up artist was Savana Vinson. Photographer was Ashton Willis of Beloved Imagery and videographer was Rachel Watkins of Exalt & Co.

After a honeymoon in Gatlinburg, Tenn., the couple is now residing in Sheffield.





Holt, Gray

Hannah Beth Holt and Dylan Tyler Gray were married October 9, 2021 in a 2:00 afternoon ceremony held at Hudson Family Barn with the bride's father, Tim Holt, officiating. The reception followed at the Hudson Family Barn.

The bride is the daughter of Tim and Dana Holt of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Donald Holt and the late Alice Holt, Gerald and Jan Reeves, and the late Pete Marks.

The groom is the son of Bobby and Tammie Robertson of Lexington. He is the grandson of Bobby and Rose Robertson, Jimmy Gray and the late Evonna Gray.

The bride chose a beautiful white gown from David's Bridal in Huntsville, along with a veil made by her grandmother, Jan Reeves. For her "something borrowed" she wore her mother's earrings that she had worn on her wedding day, and for her "something blue" she wore her mother's wedding garter that had blue flowers on it, also made by the bride's grandmother, Jan Reeves.

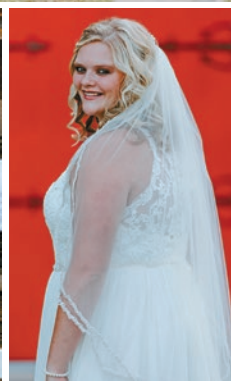
Maid of honor was Brittany Robertson, sister of the groom, and matron of honor was Alisha Holt, sister-in-law of the bride. Flower girl was Honey Mavis, the bride's dog.

Best man was the groom's brother, Nick Robertson. Groomsman was Jordan Holt, brother of the bride. Ring bearer was Houston Case Holt, son of the bride.

Hair stylists were Trish Wright and Melissa Vinson of A Day of Beauty, and make up artists were Mitzi Fritschen and Abby Pyland, family of the bride. Photographer was Lucy Clark of Photos by Lucy.

After a honeymoon in Panama City Beach, Fla., the couple is now residing in Lexington.

Photos by Photos by Lucy





Pettus, Zak



Darby Mae Pettus and Christian Gunner Zak were married June 12, 2021 in a 6:00 evening ceremony held at Locust Hill with Sam Pettus, brother of the bride, officiating. The reception followed at Locust Hill.

The bride is the daughter of Ed and Melissa Pettus of Killen. She is the granddaughter of Laminda Hurt and the late Bob Hurt of Florence, Jim Pettus and the late Annette Pettus of Lexington, and the niece of Gerald and Connie Briggs of Florence.

The groom is the son of Jeff and Denise Zak of Tuscumbia. He is the grandson of Elizabeth Garrett of Naples, Fla., Tommy Hogland of Tuscumbia, Steve Zak and the late Debbi Zak of Valparaiso, Ind.

Maids of honor were Evie Buchanan, best friend of the bride, and Danielle Pettus, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were Marlo Williams, cousin of the bride; Abby Mattox, Madi Buck, Nicole Shirley, Jordan Hoerl, Abbey Beth Herber, and Shayna Hodge, all friends of the bride. Flower girls were Leah James Corum, cousin of the bride; Caroline, Alexis and Matilyne Martin, friends of the bride; Aubree Gibbs, Penny Isbell, and Nora Isbell, cousins of the groom.

Best man was the groom's father, Jeff Zak. Groomsmen were Jason Zak, brother of the groom; Taylor Shirley, Cody Thomas, Kyle Hester, Taylor Ellison, McKnight Carr, Lake McCann, Clent McLeary, and Zack Hester, all friends of the groom. Ring bearers were Charlie Corum, cousin of the bride, and Nate Isbell, cousin of the groom.

Wedding directors were Melissa Pettus, Tammy Quillen and Teresa Williams, and floral designer was Melissa Pettus. Music for the ceremony and entertainment for the reception was provided by Jacob Duncan. Caterers were Curtis' Restaurant and City Limits Cafe. The wedding cake was made by Lauren Thomas and the groom's cake was made by Sugartime Bakery. Hair stylist was Lydia Baker and make up artist was Abby Mattox. Photographer was MDV Studios and videographer was QF2 Films. Other special helpers were Megan Zak, Joe and Tracy Parker, Jeffery and Tammy Quillen, George and Teresa Williams, and Becky and Carson Bryan.

After a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico, the couple is now residing in Tuscumbia.

Photos by MDV Studios





Liverett, Metcalf

Valerie Montez Liverett and Christopher Michael Metcalf were married July 9, 2021 at 6:00 in the afternoon at Infinity Event Venue in Section, Alabama with Darren Winland officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Curtis and Karon Liverett of Lexington. She is the granddaughter of Bobby and Barbara Jane Smith of Five Points, TN and the late Johnnie and Oletha Liverett of Rogersville. She is the great niece of Dora Ben Grisham.

The groom is the son of Michael and Anita Metcalf of Chattanooga, TN. He is the grandson of the late James and Juliet Hoey of Chattanooga, TN and the late Boyd and Fannie Metcalf of Scottsboro.

The bride chose a Lillian West fit and flare gown from Lace & Company Bridal in Columbia, TN. She wore lace fingerless gloves made by her Great Grandaunt Clara Belew. The bride exited the reception wearing the same dress her mother and grandmother wore when they married in 1986 and 1959.

Matron of honor was Anna Conner, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Erin Tidwell, Emily Davis, Rachel Tuten, and Anna Leigh Peek, all friends of the bride. Flower girl was Jenna Chandler.

Best man was Tyler Chandler, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Kevin Squires and Zach Dennis, friends of the groom and Ethan Liverett, brother of the bride.

Wedding coordinator was Paula Hudson. Floral design was by Amy Reavis. Wedding photography was by Catherine Lowe Photography. The reception dinner catering, wedding cake, and dessert table were by Good Company Café. Ceremony music was provided by David Wiseman. Hair and makeup artist was Tiffany Cartier of Salon 4:14. Other special helpers were Catie Stinson, Annette Barnett, Calli Liverett, Hilda Wiseman, Scott Hudson, and Josiah Thomasson.

The couple spent their honeymoon in the San Juan Islands of the Pacific Northwest. They are now residing in Huntsville.

Photos by Catherine Lowe Photography





Donaldson, Herbster

Jordan and I met in middle school, where our love story actually starts. That was in 2012, crazy!!! I remember him as the “new kid” that was “really cute”. We had a few classes together and always seemed to pick seats near each other. Over time we talked, exchanged numbers, became associated with the same friend group, and of course he asked me to be his girlfriend! By the way, when your 13 it is such a big deal!! Lol. Jordan has always been special to me. Even before we dated his friendship meant the world to me. He understood me like nobody else. He made me laugh and smile in a way nobody else could. At the age of 13, I knew there was something different about our relationship.

We have always been inseparable and truly the best of friends. If you ask me, there is nothing quite like your first love. It’s a beautiful thing to meet your soul mate at such a young age. Jordan and I were blessed with years of care free fun, plenty of time to get to know each other, and the presence of each other’s families. We were able to listen to each other’s hopes and dreams, and help each other achieve them as adults. Over the last 9 years we have grown as individuals and as a couple. We have taken time apart to grow as well. Having your best friend with you during the best and worst times of your life makes loving them even more sweet. We have cried together, prayed together, laughed together, and made some of the sweetest memories. I know the best is yet to come!

Abbey Elizabeth Donaldson and Jordan Edward Herbster were married December 11, 2021 at 4:00 in the afternoon at Robert Trent Jones of the Shoals.

The bride is the daughter of Kim Hatton and Michael Wayne Donaldson, both of Tuscumbia. She is the granddaughter of Harold Wayne and Donna Donaldson and the late Eddie and Doris Hatton, all of Tuscumbia.

The groom is the son of Edward and Denise Herbster of Sheffield. He is the grandson of Alethe Morrison of Russellville.

The bride’s gown and veil were purchased from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle.

Maid of honor was Kayley Donaldson, sister of the bride. Flower girl was Landrey Jackson, cousin of the bride. Best man was the groom’s father, Edward Herbster.

Wedding director was Nicki Pitts. Floral designer was Taylor Sweat of Native Petals in Huntsville. Ceremony music was provided by Tyler Underwood, and DJ Abe Newsome entertained guests at the reception. The reception was held at the Grille at RTJ, and was catered by the staff at RTJ. The wedding cake and groom’s cake were made by Suzy Q’s Sweets. Hair stylist was Jordan Grissom and make up artist was Savannah Whitt. Photographer was Sommer Hamilton of Saving Grace Photography.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Tulum, Mexico. They are now residing in Killen.

Photos by Saving Grace Photography



Brianna Williams and Dustin Coker were married July 3, 2021 at 6:30 in the evening at Bradford Farms with Coloton Faulkner officiating. The reception was also held at Bradford Farms following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Lee Williams and Lynn Williams, both of Florence. The groom is the son of Randal and Denise Coker of Magee, Miss. and Marlene and Marcus Hines of Killen.

The bride chose a beautiful gown from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle, along with Vera Wang jewelry.

Maid of honor was Ashley Heimberg, cousin of the bride, and matons of honor were Jennifer Taylor and Candace Sanders, both sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kaitlin Cornelius, best friend of the bride; Alana Cheek and Lucy Chenault, cousins of the bride; Courtney Baker, sister-in-law of the bride; Audrey Sanders and Hannah Taylor, nieces of the bride. Flower girl was Caitlyn Taylor, niece of the bride.

Best man was Holden Mitchell, best friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Randal Coker, father of the groom; Andrew Coker and Travis Coker, brothers of the groom; Josh Sanders and Andrew Taylor, brothers-in-law of the bride; Jacob Sanders and Caleb Taylor, nephews of the bride. Ring bearers were Logan Sanders and Nehemiah Taylor, nephews of the bride.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumley. Floral designer was Heather Sherrill. Music for the ceremony was provided by Trinecia Hall Butler, pianist and vocalist. DJ Gus Spears provided music for the ceremony and entertainment for the reception. Caterer for the reception was Southern Skillet, and Heather Poole made the wedding cake and groom's cake. Hair stylist and make up artist was Lindsey Robinson. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture, and the bride's cousins, Jessica and Bradley Chowning provided the videography.

For their honeymoon, the couple went to Charlotte and Wilmington, N.C. to tour the Nascar city and explore the town from the One Tree Hill show in Wilmington, N.C. The couple is now residing in Sheffield.

My father and I planned a special first dance. We made up a mash of different favorite songs from both of us and danced to it. Make sure to keep the night fun. The night will go by so fast so here is something to help remember the day forever. My advice is to remember your wedding day with your 5 senses, one thing you smelled throughout the day, one thing you touched throughout the day, one thing you tasted throughout the day, one thing you saw, and one thing you heard throughout the day.

For our leaving exit right after we were announced husband and wife at the wedding, all the wedding party danced to a small choreographed dance before leaving the ceremony to lighten things up. We wanted laughter and smiles the whole time.

We ordered our wedding invitations from Printers and Stationers Inc in Florence AL. They worked with us to create our special invitations and signs for the wedding. We also ordered from Etsy for our bridal shower invitations and save the dates. Magnetic save the dates are the best to go on a fridge so people do not forget about your wedding date.

My husband and I met at Lee Heights Baptist church in 2013 and have been together for nearly 8 years before getting engaged at Tate Farms in October of 2020. I guess you can say FINALLY!!! We knew each other very well and are best friends. We chose our wedding date to be right before July 4th due to when we got engaged in October, there were fireworks right after I said yes. It had to be a sign of the date we would get married (to include fireworks too). Always put God first and your partner second and the rest will fall into place!

Photos by Create Portraiture





Gooch, White



Maria Gooch and Dylan White were married July 31, 2021 at 3:00 in the afternoon at Jacksonburg Church of Christ with Gary Gooch, grandfather of the bride, officiating. The reception was held at the church following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Bradley and Contessa Gooch. She is the granddaughter of Gary and Mattie Gooch, and Myra Gray and the late Fredrick Gray.

The groom is the son of Shone and Kimberly White. He is the grandson of Nathan Haddock and the late Vera Haddock, and Wanda White and the late Ricky White.

The bride chose a beautiful gown from Cherry Tree Lane in Florence.

Maid of honor was Emily Rickard, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Tori Daniel and Madisson Craft, friends of the bride; Mollie White, sister of the groom; and Olivia Larkin, cousin of the bride. Flower girls were Nora Morgan, Emerson Morgan, and Ava Wear and Ana Larkin cousins of the bride.

Best man was Devin Balentine, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Colby Brown, friend of the groom; Kody White and Jesse White, brothers of the groom; and Sidney Gooch, brother of the bride. Ring bearer was Joshua Wear, cousin of the bride.

Wedding director was Jill Larkin. Floral designer was FiftyFlowers.com. Caterer was Jill Larkin of Jill's Sweet Memories, who also made the wedding cake. The groom's cake was made by Suzan White. Reception entertainment was provided by Lavale Cooper. Hair stylist was Shannon Highfield and make up artist was Susan Walters. Photographer was Sue Ellen Gean.

The couple is now residing in Florence.

Photos by Sue Ellen Gean





Cromwell, Saint

Breanna Cromwell and Dakota Saint were married August 21, 2021 at 7:00 in the evening at Southern Charm in Athens with Jonathan Johnson officiating. A reception followed in Athens.

The bride is the daughter of Susan and Jeff Burbank of Killen, and Michael Cromwell and Reshea Garner of Killen. She is the granddaughter of George Richardson and the late Brenda Richardson of Killen, and Harold Cromwell and Sue Cromwell of Central.

The groom is the son of Jessica Saint and Corey Saint of Lexington. He is the grandson of Joyce and Ronnie Claiborne of Madison, Elaine and Joe Johnson of Florence, the late Jeff Leatherwood, and the late Bobby Saint.

The bride chose a beautiful gown from Kathleen's Bridal.

Maid of honor was Lilli Saint, sister-in-law of the bride. Bridesmaids were Camryn Bevis, Leah James, Andra McGee, Riley Newby, Maisie Burney, Baileigh Terry, Lauren Bevis, Alivia Leatherwood, and Baylee Gean. Flower girl was Kylie Fountain, god child of the groom's parents.

Best man was the groom's father, Corey Saint. Groomsmen were Wes Shirley, Chantry Barnett, Trey Bailey, Maddox Bailey, Brice Townsend, Jake Burbank, Bowen Johnson, Alex Scott, and Mitchell Ambrose. Ring bearer was Champ Stephens, step-nephew of the bride.

Wedding director was Kelli Brown and floral designer was Cindy Harrison. Sonya and Lavale Cooper provided music for the ceremony. The reception, held at Southern Charm, was catered by Southern Skillet. The wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Tamala Jones. Hair stylist was Kailey Myhan and make up artist was Savana Vinson. Photographer was Keelan Walker Photography.

The couple spent their honeymoon at Secrets Maroma Beach Riviera Cancun in Playa Del Camen, Mexico. They are now residing in Lexington.

Photos by Keelan Walker Photography





Bailey Vandiver and Tyson Childers were married December 4, 2021 at 4:00 in the afternoon in a beautiful outdoor ceremony at Bradford Farm with Michael Jackson officiating. The reception followed at Bradford Farm.

The bride is the daughter of Wendy and Phillip Lane and the late Randy Vandiver. She is the granddaughter of Carolyn Vandiver, the late Junior Vandiver, the late Bob Vandiver, and the late Marylou Vandiver.

The groom is the son of Keitha and Jesse Campbell and Andy and Ashley Childers. He is the grandson of Doug Childers, Abby Keith, Gary Keith, Paulette Ross, and Dwight Ross.

The bride wore a Essence IV lace over moscato gown from The Something Blue Shoppe and Kate Whitcomb shoes.

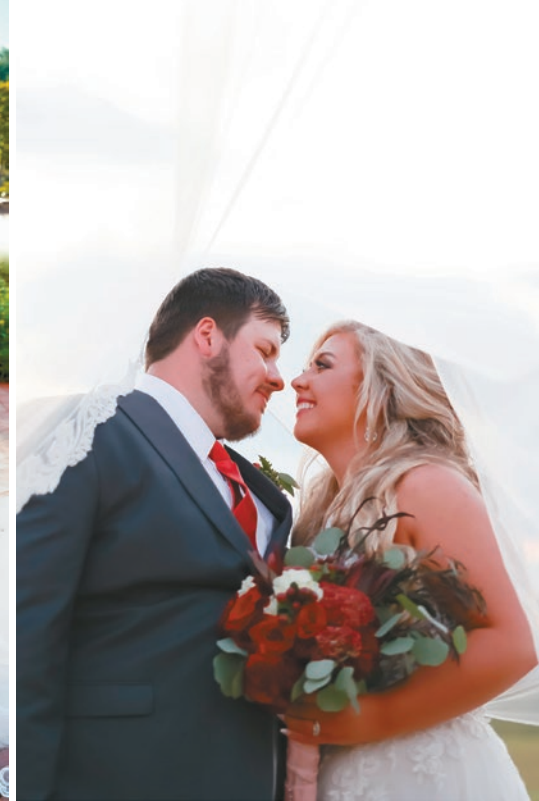
Maid of honor Scarlett Johnson, best friend of the bride, and matron of honor was Bre Potter, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Ashton Childers and Ann Leslie Bush, sisters-in-law of the bride; Annabeth Mask, Skyler Nichols, Katelynne Owens, friends of the bride; and Rylee Childers, niece of the groom. Flower girl was Blakely Potter, niece of the bride.

Best man was the groom's brother, Drew Childers. Groomsmen were Andy Childers, father of the groom; Tate Sockwell, Jordan King, Keith Nichols, Jon Owens, all friends of the groom; and Hunter Vandiver, cousin of the bride. Ring bearer was Owen Childers, nephew of the groom.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumley. Floral designer was Heather Bradford Sherrill. Southern Skillet catered the reception, Shawnda Ford made the wedding cake, and Coretta Little Smith made the groom's cake. Reception entertainment was provided by Shoals Event Speiclist. Hair stylist was Kim Tyra and make up artist was Faith Ezell. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture and videographer was B&B Media.

For their honeymoon, the couple took a weekend trip to Helen, Ga., and will be taking a week-long trip to Jamaica in May. They are now residing in Leighton.





Whitten, George

Harlee Whitten and Decata George exchanged wedding vows September 25, 2021 at 5:30 in the afternoon in Florence with Wayne Gean, grandfather of the bride, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Barry Whitten and Wendy Whitten, both of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Wayne and Barbara Gean and Kenneth and Brenda Whitten.

The groom is the son of Alicia George of Waterloo, and Michael and Tabetha George of Florence. He is the grandson of Carol Garner and the late Tom Garner, Jackie and Martha McBee, and the late Gary George.

The bride wore a beautiful white gown and matching veil chosen from Rina's Bridal, along with jewelry from Cherry Tree Lane.

Maids of honor were Malicia George, sister of the groom, and Lillie Whitten, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kelsie Woods, Kinsey Simpson, Emma Lambert, Lexi Landers, Gabby Thompson, and Kirstie Harrison, all friends of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Ally Bates. Flower girls were Anna Blayke Price, Ella Blake Gean, Sadie Gean, Ansley Woods, cousins of the bride and groom.

Best men were Ryan Jones, best friend of the groom, and Dawson George, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Chad Woods, Chandler Cole, Andrew Hinton, Garrett Brown, Tyler Johnson, all friends of the groom, and Kaleb Whitten, brother of the bride. Ushers were Brody Price and Brock Price. Ring bearers were Sawyer Gean, Parker Morris, and Korbyn Morris.

Wedding director was Regina Stracener. The reception was held at the bride's grandfather's farm, and was catered and decorated by the families of the couple. The wedding cake was made by Wedding Cakes by Cindy's Sweet Pleasures, and the groom's cake was made by Renay Hollander. Hair stylist was Monika Brooks and make up artist was Savana Vinson. Photographer was Kristen Mance Vandevender and videographer was Ace Eaton Videography.

For their honeymoon, the couple took a road trip Texas, Arizona, and Nevada and visited the Grand Canyon, Sedona, Ariz., Las Vegas, Nev., and Corpus Christi, Texas. They are now residing in Florence.

Photos by Kristen Mance Vandevender





Palmer, Rowland

Margaret Marie Palmer and Mitchell Erle Rowland were married October 23, 2021 at 4:30 in the afternoon at Danclay Farms with Chad Hess officiating. The reception followed at Danclay Farms.

The bride is the daughter of Mark and Jennifer Palmer of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Billie and Marie Palmer of Holly Springs, Miss., Marshall and Sarah Jenkins of Tupelo, Miss., and Bob and Robbie Boyd of Tupelo, Miss.

The groom is the son of Martin and Stacy Rowland of Florence. He is the grandson of the late Tom and Alice Strawn of Florence and Dot Rowland and the late Tom Rowland of Flora, Miss.

The bride wore a beautiful gown from The Something Blue Shoppe, along with a veil worn by her mother on the bride's parents wedding day, and Steve Madden shoes.

Matrons of honor were Arlie Brandon and Lindsey Colvard, friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Regan Sellers, Rachel Welch, Hannah Baker, and Ellen Thorn, all friends of the bride. Flower girl was Mary Elizabeth Pleasants, friend of the bride.

Best man was the groom's brother, David Rowland. Groomsmen were Noah Brandon, Brett Cobb, Stone Turner, Jacob Bradley, all friends of the groom; and Joshua Rowland, cousin of the groom. Ring bearers were Ben Fisher and Caleb Fisher, friends of the bride.

Floral designer was Kaleidoscope Florist. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by Reed Audio. Caterer was Michelle Kelley, and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Katrina Vince. Hair stylist was Rachael Patterson and make up artist was Chloe Moothart. Photographer was Keelan Walker Photography. Groom's ring was his grandfather's wedding ring.

The couple's original honeymoon was cancelled due to Covid-19, but they are planning a trip to St. Lucia in July, 2022. They are residing in Meridian, Miss.

Photos by Keelan Walker Photography



Uhlman, Kilpatrick

Sydnee Uhlman and William Kilpatrick were married December 4, 2021 at 4:00 in the afternoon at Keestone Resort at Village Point in Loretto, Tenn.. Wade Hunt officiated the ceremony and the reception followed at Keestone.

The bride is the daughter of Kevin and Kelly Uhlman of Tusculumbia. She is the granddaughter of Hubert and Mary Hughes and Jimmy and Glenda Uhlman, all of Tusculumbia.

The groom is the son of Brian and Melanie Kilpatrick of Muscle Shoals. He is the grandson of Lynn Thomas of luka, Miss., the late Junior Kilpatrick, the late Harold Thomas, and Sue Gill and the late Bill Gill of Jasper.

The bride chose a beautiful white gown from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle.

Maid of honor was Savanna Uhlman, sister of the bride, and matron of honor was Morgan Pate, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Jade Uhlman, cousin of the bride; Ashton Moore, Alia Letson, and Kassi Briley, all friends of the bride. Flower girls were Emmie Willingham and Piper Willingham.

Best man was the groom's father, Brain Kilpatrick. Groomsmen were Brian Kilpatrick Jr., Hunter Kilpatrick, Cade Copeland, Kyle McCollister, and Tanner Bozeman. Ring bearers were Liam Gill, Lawson Gill, and Baker Uhlman.

Wedding director was Kristi Nix Sockwell and floral designer was Cindy Harrison. Keestone Resort catered the reception, and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Stacie Oliver. Music for the ceremony and reception was provided by Mark Rohling. Hair stylist was Ashley Cassell and make up artist was Savana Vinson. Photographer was Leslie Caroline Photography and videographer was Steven Anderson.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Destin, Fla., and are now residing in Sheffield.

Photos by Leslie Caroline Photography





Underwood, Brackin

Kayla Marie Underwood and Richard David Brackin were married July 13, 2021 at 6:00 in the evening at Bliss Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev. with Jean Claude Chevalme officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Delores Kay Dunlap of Tuscumbia and the late Ronald John Dunlap of Florence. She is the granddaughter of the late Annie Katherine Nabors and the late Thomas Nabors of Muscle Shoals.

The groom is the son of the late Teresa Jane Brackin and the late Richard Keith Brackin. He is the grandson of the late Delores Jean Lockhart of W. Va. and the late Richard Don Brackin of Town Creek.

The bride wore a stunning A-line victorian style gown that was ivory and cashmere in color. The bodice featured a V-neckline with lace covering the entire bodice as well as opal beading and lace sleeves. The cathedral length skirt featured a glittery tulle with soft lace appliques throughout the skirt and train. The veil was sheer and measured out to be 180 inches in length. The gown was purchased from Cherry Tree Lane in Florence. She also carried a bouquet of mixed fresh flowers including roses, baby's breath, calla lillies, dahlias, queen anne's lace, hydrangeas, and chrysanthemums.

Maid of honor was Ashley Rose of Cabot, Ark. She wore a blush colored sheer, floor-length, sleeveless gown with a V-neckline.

The staff at Bliss Wedding Chapel coordinated the ceremony and provided the flowers. The ceremony music was *Can't Help Falling in Love* by Samantha Harvey. Hair stylist and make-up artist was Catrina Corrales with Beauty Studio, Inc. in Las Vegas, Nev. The bride's hair and makeup look was inspired by Priscilla Presley on her wedding day with a 1960's teased up long hairstyle. Photographer was Bliss Wedding Chapel.

The couple spent their honeymoon at the Flamingo Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. They are now residing in Muscle Shoals.

The couple had an engagement party prior to their wedding on November 14, 2020 at Avalon Social Venue located in Muscle Shoals for close family and friends who would not be able to attend their wedding in Las Vegas. Catering was provided by 306 Barbeque in Muscle Shoals. The engagement cake was made by Rachel Conway-Smith of Designer Desserts by Rachel K in Florence. The cake was a beautiful two tier cake dripped with chocolate and topped with fresh blackberries and cranberries, with a burgundy and blush colored floral arrangement.

Photos by Bliss Wedding Chapel



Plunket, Humphries

Jessa Plunket and Seth Humphries were married June 19, 2021 at 7:00 in the evening at Chisholm Hills Church of Christ with Matt Heupel, of Woodlawn Church of Christ, officiating. The reception was held at the church pavilion following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Chris and Felicia Plunket of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Bob Plunket and the late Jan Plunket, and Ken and Brenda Godsey.

The groom is the son of Alan and Pam Humphries of Florence. He is the grandson of Jerry and Margaret Humphries, and Peggy Williams and the late Jimmy Dale Williams.

The bride chose a beautiful satin Morilee gown with delicate pearl accents and beautiful appliques along the skirt and train, purchased from Promenade in Tusculumbia. Her veil, also worn by her sister Bailey at her wedding in 2019, was made from her mother's veil and wedding gown. She also wore her maternal great-grandmother's earrings, carried lace from the wedding dress of her maternal grandmother, and wore jewelry from her paternal grandmother.

Matrons of honor were Bailey Harrison, sister of the bride, and Abbi Basic, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Sara Van Senus, Julie Bridges, Kate Plunket, cousins of the bride; Ariel Lawhead and Areanna Orozco, friends of the bride. Flower girls were Marlie Tidwell, Lila Richardson, and Gracie James, all cousins of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, Alan Humphries. Groomsmen were Thomas May, Ben August, John Daniel Foster, Austin Wilson, all friends of the groom, and Blake Humphries, cousin of the groom. Ushers were Murphy Tidwell, Ty Murphy, Drake Murphy, Cole Murphy, and Jaxen Phillips.

Wedding director was Laurie Mitchell, aunt of the bride. Floral designer was Tia's Florist. The reception was catered by Jill's Sweet Memories. The wedding cake was a cheesecake (the bride's favorite) made by Jill's Sweet Memories, and the groom's cake was made by Erika Williams, cousin of the groom. Other special helpers were Mary Beth Gooch, Connie Hickerson, Deana Moore, Selina Riley, and Bob Walker. Hair stylists were Kirstie Harrison and Lexi Landers. Photographer was Jennifer Tidwell of Jen Photography.

Jessa and Seth honeymooned in Gatlinburg, Tenn., and are currently residing in Florence.

Photos by Jen Photography



Clair Kennedy and Wilson Whitlock were married September 4, 2021 in the afternoon at 5:00 in the afternoon at First Baptist Church of Red Bay with Bro. Larry Hill officiating. The reception was held at Hurricane Creek Lodge following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mickey and Susan Kennedy of Red Bay. She is the granddaughter of David and Barbara Magness of Big Creek, Miss. and the late Billy and Gwen Kennedy of Red Bay.

The groom is the son of Hilard (Buddy) and Mary Ann Whitlock of Tuscombria. He is the grandson of the late Dr. Hilard and Peggy Whitlock of Tuscombria, and the late Dexter and Mary Jane Dean of Sheffield.

The bride chose a stunning white strapless satin gown with a detachable train from Promenade.

Maid of honor was Anna Mason Jeffreys, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Dr. Ashley Horn Pickering, sister-in-law of the bride; Michaela Aycock Ragen, Mary Katherine Markham Aldridge, Paige Lewey, Jodi Page Nethery, Taylor Matthews, Alyssa Hutcheson McKinley, all friends of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, Hilard (Buddy) Whitlock III. Groomsmen were Ben Whitlock, brother of the groom; Tyler Pickering, brother of the bride; Eli Hobbs, Jake Sorrels, Brandon Livingston, Jack Bates, Logan Wright, Colton McCay, all friends of the groom.

Floral designer was Lola's Gifts and Flowers. Music for the ceremony was provided by pianist Mandy Harper and organist Joyce Johnson. Caterer was Hurricane Creek Lodge, and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Yummies. The Park Band entertained guests at the reception. Hair stylist and make up artist was Myah Jackson. Other special helper was Dawn Mills. Photographer was Scotty Kennedy.

The couple spent their honeymoon at Sandals Resort in Negril, Jamaica. They are now residing in Red Bay.

Photos by Scotty Kennedy





Moore, Leyer

Leslie Elizabeth Moore and Ryan Michael Leyer were married May 15, 2021 at 6:00 in the evening in Denton, Texas. The reception was held at The Milestone in Denton.

The bride is the daughter of Frankie and Tonya Moore of Tuscumbia. She is the granddaughter of Betty Moore and the late Lester Moore of Russellville, and Sonya Richter-Smith and the late Don Richter-Smith of Honolulu, Hawaii.

The groom is the son of Christopher and Debra Leyer of Fullerton, Calif. He is the grandson of Patricia Leyer and the late Patrik Leyer of Placentia, Calif. and Pamela Brown and the late Michael Brown of Cerritos, Calif.

Maid of honor was Kelly Moore, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Lauren Funk, Julia Snook, and Sarah Beth Wheat, friends of the bride; Grace Griffin, godsisiter of the bride; and Amanda Leyer, sister of the groom.

Best man was Matthew Leyer, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Andy Anderson, cousin of the groom; Nick Boehm, Alex Cisneros, Jon Hall, and Kyle Hall, all friends of the groom.

The couple honeymooned through Northern California, starting with stunning views at Lake Tahoe and days of sun-soaked vineyard tours and wine tastings in Sonoma. They stopped by San Francisco on their way to breathtaking views of the Pacific Coast in Monterey, Carmel, and Big Sur. They are now residing in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas.

Leslie and Ryan wish to thank all their firends and family for their support and love throughout the years, and their amazing vendors who made their perfect wedding day possible. And finally, to Auburn University for bringing them both together - War Eagle!

Photos by Lizzie Christine Allen





Thompson, Hoerl

Jordan Grace Thompson and Anthony Michael Hoerl exchanged wedding vows November 18, 2021 at 4:00 in the afternoon at the Neon Museum in Las Vegas, Nev. Officiating clergy was Peachy Keen Unions of Las Vegas, and the reception was held at Aria Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.

The bride is the daughter of Brian and Kelly Thompson of Tuscumbia. She is the granddaughter of Jim and Rhona Farris of Tuscumbia, Tommy Hogland and the late Ondyna Hogland of Tuscumbia, Donald Thompson and the late Sheather Thompson of Sheffield.

The groom is the son of Jean Hoerl of Muscle Shoals. He is the grandson of Kathy Smith and the late Larry Smith of Tuscumbia.

The bride designed her own flowers for the wedding. Giordanos of Las Vegas catered the reception, and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Up Up and Soiree of Las Vegas. The bride's dress was from ASOS online. Make up artist was andiep.artistry. Photographer was Jamie Y Photography.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Las Vegas and are now residing in Tuscumbia.

Photos by Jamie Y Photography





Mitchell, Frederick

Katelyn Mitchell and Riley Frederick were married December 18, 2021 at 4:30 in the afternoon at Brick Haven Venue in Cullman. Trey Mitchell, brother of the bride, officiated the ceremony, and a reception followed at Brick Haven.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Lori Mitchell of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Bobbie Massengale and the late Dwayne Massengale of Florence, and the late Brown and Kathryn Mitchell.

The groom is the son of Harold and Jennifer Frederick of Haleyville. He is the grandson of Beatrice Davis of Haleyville, and the late Spencer and Jo Frederick.

The bride chose a beautiful gown from Bridals by Lori in Atlanta, Ga., along with a matching veil from Promenade in Tusculmbia.

Maid of honor was Rachel Perkins and matron of honor was MeLeah Bennett, both friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Sam Withers, Caroline Smith, Bryanna Parsons, Caty Esary, Danielle Wilkins, Georgia Cook, Sharley Miller, all friends of the bride, and Ashley Mitchell, sister-in-law of the bride. Flower girl was Mae Richardson, cousin of the bride.

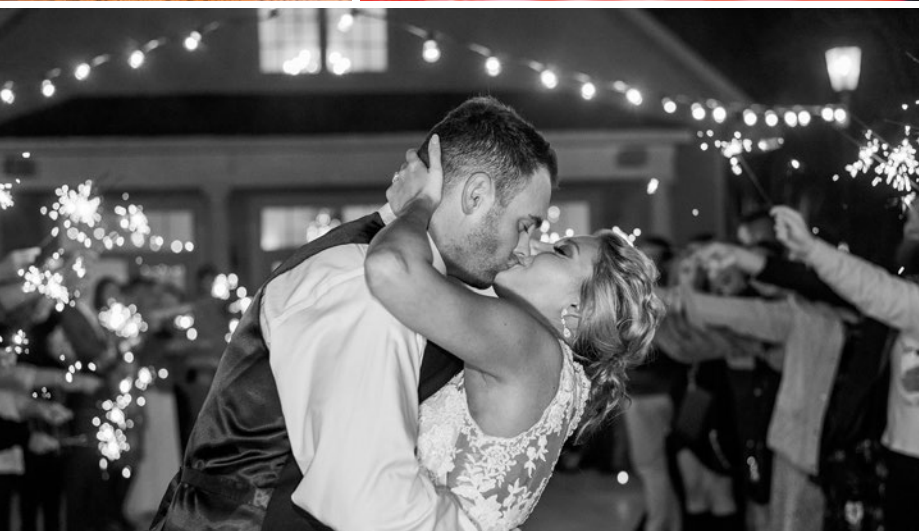
Best man was the groom's father, Harold Frederick. Groomsmen were Brandon Bennett, Lake McGough, Drew Barton, Adam McCombs, Tucker Robertson, Ryan Adams, Clint Phillips, Caleb Hines, and Ethan Hopkins, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Graham Mitchell, nephew of the bride.

Wedding director was Stephanie Lanier. Floral designer was Traditions Florist in Haleyville. Ceremony music was provided by David and Natalie Askew, along with DJ Dustin Coan, who also provided entertainment for the reception. Brick Haven catered the reception, the wedding cake was made by Wilkins Cakes, and the groom's cake was made by Yummies Bakery. Hair stylist was Hannah Phillips and make up artist was Reagan Miller. Photographer was Tracy McGough Photography and videographer was Tyler and Briana Dolan of Joy Media Co.

After a honeymoon in Gatlinburg, Tenn., the couple is now residing in Tusculmbia.

Photos by Tracy McGough Photography





Nichols, Rhodes

Whitney Nichols and Phillip Rhodes were married December 18, 2021 at 2:00 in the afternoon at Pickett Place in Florence with Pastor Bobby Gourley officiating. The reception followed at Pickett Place.

The bride is the daughter of Mattison and Kristi Burklow of Columbia, Tenn. She is the granddaughter of Willard Nichols and the late Lilly Nichols of Town Creek, Bob and LoVada Burklow of Hohenwald, Tenn., and Terry and Jane Cherry of Columbia, Tenn.

The groom is the son of Chris and Sharon Rhodes of Florence. He is the grandson of Degloris Rhodes and the late PJ Rhodes and the late Jean and Charles Rhodes of Florence, and the late William Nichols of Jackson, Tenn.

Matron of honor was the bride's mother, Kristi Burklow. Bridesmaid was Morgan Bain, sister of the groom, and honorary flower girl was McKayla Bain, niece of the groom.

Best man was the groom's father, Chris Rhodes. Groomsman was Jordan Bain, brother-in-law of the groom. Ring bearer was Stricklin Bain, nephew of the groom.

Floral designer was Cindy Harrison of Florals by Cindy. Music for the ceremony and the reception was provided by DJ Chad Burdine, owner of Pickett Place. The reception was catered by Jill Larkin of Jill's Sweet Memories, who also made the wedding cake and groom's cake. The bride's gown was from Promenade in Tusculmbia, and her shoes and jewelry were from Dillard's. The groom's attire was from Coats Clothing Company. Hair stylist was Micheal Marks of Franklin Hair Academy in Franklin, Tenn., and make up artist was Corey Nichols of Makeup by Corey. Photographer was Savannah Jenkins of Savannah Dean Photography.

The couple's "getaway" car was a red 1954 Ford that belonged to the bride's grandparents.

For their honeymoon, the couple spent four nights at the Margaritaville Island Hotel at The Island in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. They are now residing in Florence.

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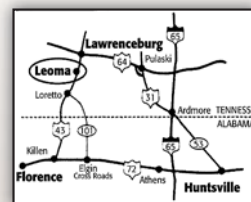
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