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While 2020 and 2021 proved to be a period filled with hardship, learning and readjusting as those in the wedding industry were hit hard from the pandemic and many brides had to rethink their plans for their big day, 2022 proved to be a year of perseverance. It was a chance to turn a new leaf and start the next chapter.

Kinsley Rae Hanback, our beautiful cover bride, shares the story of how she and her groom, who are high school sweethearts, led separate journeys for a time before being reunited and getting engaged. Even the year of wedding planning, while filled with blissful dreams for the future, held its own challenges and hardships for the bride to overcome. She perhaps knows as well as most that although life throws unexpected twists, sometimes the result can prove richer and more magical than we had originally planned.

Another bride, Darlene Freeman, shares in this issue how she refused to let the unplanned moments shake her on one of the most special days of her and her husband's lives together.

This issue also includes tips for brides to enjoy the wedding planning process without getting too bogged down from stressful situations while dress and venue shopping.

We've included a list of spaces throughout the Tennessee Valley that can help make your day as enchanting and spectacular as you've always hoped it would be.

We want to thank our brides who shared their weddings and engagement stories with us and our readers. Each unique story is as beautiful as the couple who lived it. We look forward to a bright year ahead and hope to meet more new brides and help share their special day with the Tennessee Valley.



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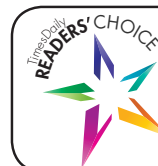
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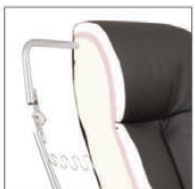
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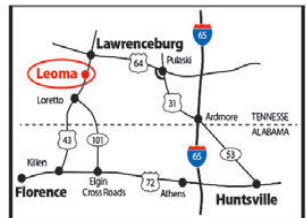
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Kinsley Hanback Kaden West

Story by CECILIA BRUMLEY

High school sweethearts reunite to tie the knot

Kinsley Rae Hanback and Kaden Isaiah West exchanged vows on Sept. 17, 2022, at the home of the brides' parents, Kevin and Bridget Hanback, in Lexington, Alabama.

Kinsley and Kaden were high school sweethearts and went their separate ways for a short time. When they came back together, they knew walking down the aisle was the next place they wanted to go.

Kaden planned a proposal while away with family in Wormsloe Park in Savannah, Georgia.

When Kinsley said "yes," mom Bridget began working on a wedding at their home for her oldest daughter. That dream turned into a reality and became a venue where the Hanbacks' plan for all three of their daughters to get married one day.

The date was tossed around a few times, but Sept. 17 was set in stone, so everyone went to work.

This wedding took a village and then some. The

Hanbacks had not only a year that was hard because they were planning a wedding, but they lost some very close family members that would have been right there every step of the way — Larry Comer, the bride's grandfather, and Jared Hicks, the bride's uncle.

Both deaths were unbearable for their family, but they wrapped their arms around each other and held tight and marched on because that's what they do.

Kevin Hanback, father of the bride, offered a lump sum to the bride and groom to encourage them to run away and take good pictures, but he kept working on building his daughter's dream in the backyard.

Kevin again said, "We are serving everyone pancakes" but he kept working. When Kevin gave his speech at the reception, his work was done but his emotions caught up with him, and he shared his love for his daughter and said he would have moved mountains to make her day special for her. He couldn't fight back tears that he had because he knew Kinsley's grandad and Uncle Jared would have been with him every day working to make their girls dreams a reality.

Mother of the bride Bridget

has a long resumé of impeccable taste and talent when it comes to making things beautiful.

Bridget could be coined as the brains behind the project because she had big dreams for the acreage that surrounded their home to be turned into a beautiful wedding venue, and she knocked it out of the park.

Kinsley graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in May with a bachelor's degree and MBA in Business Administration. She was a Division I athlete and played volleyball for the Golden Eagles while earning her degree.

Upon completion of her degree, she was quickly employed by one of the top commercial real estate firm in the world, Cushman & Wakefield in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Kinsley serves on staff as a broker coordinator and is training to be an industrial real estate broker.

While the bride was busy transitioning into her new career, she was shuffling wedding decisions and leaving the rest to her family to handle.

Trees were cut, paths were made, flowers were planted and so much more went into the hard work to create a place to say "I do" for Kinsley



Kinsley Hanback and Kaden West get ready for their first look in the tall pines in the venue built by the bride's parents.



Bridget and Kevin gifted Kinley with a special hankie to carry with her bouquet.



Kinsley and Kaden's wedding party was filled with friends and family.

and Kaden.

The Hanbacks didn't start this project without plans for sisters Macy and Lily to marry there one day, too.

The wedding day arrived, and no detail was missed. Special elements of keepsakes and memories were included. Plans and sentimental touches were everywhere. The Hanback home was hustling and bustling with hair, makeup, snacks, laughter and love. Everyone's day was perfect.

Kinsley walked down the wooded path to her groom escorted by her father. Before the bride entered, she recorded a voice over that played a special message to her guest, mother-in-law and



The wedding party got ready and enjoyed the day in the bride's parents home.



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When Kaden was in high school, he and his dad bought and restored this 1964 Buick Skylark. Kinsley and Kaden rode away in it as they left their reception.

father-in-law, parents, and fiancé. Everyone enjoyed that special touch that was a complete surprise.

Pastor Isaac Brown preformed the ceremony and shared sweet stories of the bride and groom's courtship and counseling that brought them to this day. He had the wedding party gather around the bride and groom and held a special prayer for the couple.

After the ceremony the guests dined on a buffet provided by Hickory House in Pulaski, Tennessee, and some special ladies from Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Lexington, Alabama. Gus Spears of Universal Event & Production Services provided reception entertainment.

After special speeches from the sisters of the bride, father of the bride and brother of the groom, the couple and all their guests danced under the trees that were filled with lights and chandeliers. The couple ended the night with a sparklers exit and a sky lit up with fireworks.

Macy and Lily, sisters of the bride served as maids of honor. Lauren Seibert, Kellie



Garraway, Olivia Hepworth, Mel Miller, Breleigh Farve and Abby Sims, all friends of the bride, served as bridesmaids.

Best Man was Kane West, brother of the groom. Collins Hicks, John Lewis Hicks, cousins of the bride, Jacob Wells, Bert White, Lane Beckman, Peyton Russ, and Nick Newton, friends of the groom, served as groomsmen.

Hadley Trockenbrot, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl. Maverick Roden, cousin of the bride, was ring bearer. Garland carriers were Nolan Gray, Leo Gray, Han Gran and Max Nelson, all nephews of the groom.

The bride and groom honeymooned in St. Lucia and now reside in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Kinsley is escorted down the aisle by her father Kevin.

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Caroline Gann and Jacob Handley
plan to marry in June 2023.

Teachers tying the knot

by CHELSEA RETHERFORD

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It was a typical Monday in October for Caroline Gann, who works as a fifth-grade English teacher at Haleyville Elementary School. Gann, who also coaches basketball at the school, had been called to the front office to talk about the upcoming season with the school's athletic director.

When she returned to her classroom, there stood Jacob Handley -- ready to propose.

"He was standing in the back, reading, when I walked in and one of my students said, 'Someone is here to see you,'" Gann said. "He turned around, and it scared me a little bit because he was choked up. I've never seen him like that."

She described the tear-filled scene

on Oct. 24 when she agreed to marry the man who had become one of her closest friends.

The two started dating about three years ago after meeting on social media.

Gann grew up in Carbon Hill, about 20 minutes away from Handley's hometown of Winfield. Although the two had never met, they soon discovered members of each of their families had known one another for years.

Gann's uncle, Darrin Hinds, and Handley's father, Michael, were college roommates. Before that, the two played on the same high school basketball team and were coached by Handley's late grandfather, Bruce Handley.

Each of the couple's mothers, Trisha

Gann and Sabrena Handley, attended the same high school as well.

"His mom owns a salon in Winfield and my grandmother (Pat Hinds) has been going there for over 10 years. So, we met on social media, but we found out our families have several connections," Gann said. "The first time I met his parents, they made me feel like part of the family. My parents love him, and hopefully his parents feel the same about me."

Aside from their families' friendship ties, Gann and Handley found lots in common with one another.

Handley teaches 10th-grade algebra at Haleyville High School and coaches basketball. The two share a love of sports and each coach other's



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Jacob proposed to Caroline at the school where she teaches.

teams at their respective schools. Handley is an assistant coach for the football team and has recently began coaching softball. Gann also coaches volleyball.

"We stay pretty busy, but we have similar schedules, so when he's getting out of practice, I usually am, too," Gann said.

The couple spends much of their free time with their dachshunds, Cooper and Oscar.

Gann said she's enjoyed wedding planning so far, and although they've

had to make a few adjustments to initial plans, she said it hasn't been a stressful experience.

The couple originally set a wedding date for June 3, but after realizing the venues they were exploring had already been booked for that weekend, the future Handleys rescheduled for June 13.

The couple plans to tie the knot in Winfield with Gann's uncle officiating.

"We've got our bridal party, and we're working on guest lists and picking out colors. So far, it's been a really fun

experience," Gann said.

This year has proven to be one of new beginnings for Gann, who is in her first year of teaching.

Handley's proposal is certain to be a most memorable event for the couple, made all the more sweet because he proposed in the classroom and included Gann's first group of students.

"It was such a special day on all counts," Gann said. "I think that's what made it so wonderful."



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Medieval magic

Fairytale weddings at the Alabama Renaissance Faire

by CHELSEA RETHERFORD

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The scene was something out of a fairytale as Darlene and Richard Freeman exchanged vows amid the festivities of the annual Alabama Renaissance Faire in Florence in October of 2004.

Darlene is one of dozens of other brides, both before and since her wedding day, to get her dream ceremony by planning it in conjunction with the Faire.

"It was a true passion for me," said Darlene, who has served as a dedicated member of the Round Table planning committee since 1989. Her husband, Richard, was a little slower to jump all in and develop a persona for the festival that brings Renaissance-themed vendors and activities to Wilson Park each fall.

The couple had dated for 12 years and had discussed marriage before, but Darlene needed some convincing to make their relationship paper official. She agreed to marry him if they could plan the ceremony as a themed event alongside one of her favorite occasions.

"He agreed as long as we had an Ice Hotel honeymoon," she said, adding that she held up her part of the bargain, and the two spent a night at the Hotel de Glace in Quebec, which is open from January to March.

Though many couples might be enticed to plan their ceremony and reception in conjunction with the Renaissance Faire to take advantage of the food vendors and entertainment — an easy solution in lieu of a full reception

dinner — the Freemons' ceremony was more formal and exclusive to their guests.

"We scheduled our ceremony for 5:30 p.m. near the close of the Faire on Saturday," she said. "We're both so involved in working the festival, we didn't want to shove our responsibility on other volunteers."

The couple merged their rehearsal dinner that Friday night with an annual Ren Faire tradition, which treats volunteers to an appreciation feast the night the festival is set up. In 2004, the future Freemons booked Stefano's Italian Restaurant, which held special significance for the couple throughout their relationship, and hosted a seven-course Italian feast that doubled as the appreciation feast for their fellow volunteers.

The pair had planned to wed inside Wilson Park and held their rehearsal accordingly. That Saturday evening, however, Mother Nature had other plans, and the Freemons decided to move their ceremony to Trinity Episcopal Church due to rain.

The weather wasn't the only mishap. Freeman said with any public event, brides who choose the festival as their venue have to be willing to accept the unexpected when they aren't in full control of their setting and schedule.

The Freemons had invited about 100 guests — friends and family members who weren't tied to the festival in any way — as well as several colleagues and fellow volunteers they had become close to in working the Faire

each year. In the end, Darlene said they had about 300 attendants, including some stragglers from the Faire who hadn't been included on the guest list.

One out-of-town guest who had received an invitation misunderstood the instructions that read, "costumes always admired but never required." As the Ren Faire is held in October each year, she assumed their wedding invitation meant Halloween costumes were welcome for the occasion.

The guest brought three grandchildren dressed as a Mortal Combat warrior, the blue PowerRanger, and Spiderman.

"The young Spiderman was completely enthralled," Darlene said, adding that the boy eventually wedged himself between the couple as they exchanged wedding vows.

Because the Alabama Ren Faire encouraged costumes, many pop culture fans take advantage of the event to show off their renditions of characters like Darth Vader, Gandalf, and other fictional personalities and creatures not always associated with the Italian Renaissance.

"When you have a Renaissance Faire wedding, you have to come to terms with the fact that Deadpool might show up in your ceremony photos," Darlene said with a laugh.

Though the rain, some surprise guests and other mishaps took place, Darlene said the day couldn't have been "more magical than if everything had happened exactly as planned."

The couple's love for history inspired



Darlene and Richard Freemon cut the cake, a replica of Bodiam Castle in Sussex, England, during their wedding celebration.

many of their ceremonial rituals, from the clothing they wore to the cutting of the cake.

At her rehearsal dinner, Darlene wore a maroon velvet tunic trimmed with white fur, modeling typical wedding garb of the 13th Century. The outfit was completed with a silver diadem and hand-beaded crystal veil.

"It was a very typical color for a wedding dress in that period. They would have worn maroon," Darlene said.

On her wedding day, she donned a silver Italian Huppelande dress trimmed in gold with a golden mesh veil. The dress was an example of late 14th Century attire. For both the rehearsal and the ceremony, Richard wore 16th Century German armor.

Though some historians might have lamented at the inconsistency in periods, Darlene said the couple chose not to dive too deep into historical accuracy and rather chose elements

of their wedding that meant something special to them.

"What's 500 years among friends," she said.

The couple opted out of several modern traditions, including the makeup of their wedding parties. Rather than bridesmaids, Darlene was accompanied by three Ladies in Waiting. Instead of groomsmen, Richard had a squire who helped him dress for his special day.

The couple had no flower girls as they decided to forgo flower arrangements altogether.

"Flowers were used during the Renaissance to cover the scent of rotting corpses," Darlene said, explaining that florals at that time were reserved for funerals or similar mourning rituals. "It broke my mother-in-law's heart, but we couldn't have those at the wedding."

Instead, the Freemons asked guests to hold lit candles throughout the

ceremony to create the ambiance they hoped for. Instead of a bouquet, Darlene carried one of Rick's chalices that was lit with a blue candle and had ribbons of their wedding colors tied around its stem.

Rick carried a piece of her wedding dress as a Knight's favor, which would have been typical for a Knight to carry before a joust or tournament.

Their wedding cake was a replica of Bodiam Castle in Sussex, England, made with chocolate turrets, caramel square crenelations, crossbow windows made of licorice pieces, a chocolate moat, and green coconut ice for the grounds. The couple cut the cake with a 16th Century broad sword and drank from a shared chalice that Rick had made for their cake cutting ceremony.

Their ceremony was so perfect for the pair, on Oct. 25, 2015, the Freemons renewed their vows as King

and Queen of the Renaissance Faire that year.

While the festival crowns a new queen each year after a lucky contender finds a coin in the dessert at the annual feast, Darlene was crowned after the queen from 2014 had an emergency arise and couldn't perform the duties of the monarch for the 2015 feast.

Queen Darlene and King consort, Richard the Protector, attended the festival that year with plans for their renewal ceremony. It is custom at the end of the Ren Faire for the new queen to be crowned after the outgoing monarchs play out an elaborate storyline that explains the reasons behind their abdication.

"The king and queen might be burned at the stake, kidnapped by pirates, or they might choose to run away with gypsies. For us, Sir Richard had been called to the crusades," Darlene said.

The story was Richard had been called to fight the crusades, and

Queen Darlene refused to remain alone in the kingdom without him.

"We had a ceremony and did the vow renewal. As part of that ceremony, we retired our crowns and officially became Duke and Duchess of the Renaissance Faire."

The whole fairytale captured the Freemons imaginations as well as their guests. Darlene wonders if they have inspired other themed weddings since their one-of-a-kind ceremony. There have certainly been other weddings to follow at the Renaissance Faire.

"Some years, like last year, there weren't any. Some years, we've had two or three weddings and hand-fast ceremonies."

She guessed there have been as many as 30 wedding ceremonies held amid the Faire festivities since it began.

Fair Director Billy Warren, a Church of Christ minister, officiates many of them, as he did for the Freemons.

Renaissance Faires have become so popular, he said they have designated

an official Renaissance Faire wedding coordinator, Donna Miles, who can be booked on the Alabama Renaissance Faire website.

Some couples opt for a carefully curated ceremony and ask attendees to dress in specific costumes for their weddings, as in the case of John and Ann Iaria, who celebrated with a Viking wedding attended exclusively by Vikings and similar characters, Darlene said.

She said she and her husband hosted Vikings, fairies, pirates, privaters, and others at their ceremony.

"We had 500 years of history," she said. "They all showed up, and about a third of our guests were in their mundanes (21st century clothing) holding candles."

The Freemons closed their perfect fairytale ceremony fittingly. Instead of having guests throw rice or raise sparklers as part of their send-off, the Freemons strolled away after walking a carpet embroidered with the words, "They lived happily ever after."

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by CHELSEA RETHERFORD

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You've said yes, and now that wedding planning officially begins, one of the first items on your checklist is to set a date and book your ceremony and reception venues.

Ideally, wedding venues are booked 10 to 12 months early, but first, you need a clear idea of the setting you and your partner are hoping to secure, as well as your budget, your wish list and must haves for the day.

For example, how many people do you need to accommodate? Are there any vendor restrictions for catering or alcohol service you need to know about? Are you a DIY Queen, hoping to put your own personal touch on

your special day, or are you looking for something more all-inclusive, so you don't have to plan a thing?

Whether you're looking for something rustic and chic, or something glamorous and sophisticated, the Shoals has an ample selection of venues offering a variety of accommodations across the Tennessee Valley.

Here is a sampling of the different styles of venues across the Shoals area which may be the right fit for your wedding:

Montgomery Place provides historic charm in an intimate setting

Montgomery Place opened 20 years ago in Sheffield inside a historic

1880s structure featuring hardwood floors and high ceilings.

Owner Kim Singletary said couples are drawn to opulent venue that offers three ceremony and reception spaces including an outdoor courtyard and bar space.

"Brides love our historical building," Singletary said. "We just finished renovating the courtyard with new lighting and new gates in May. It's a beautiful backdrop for weddings."

Accommodations and features:

- Montgomery Place offers one- and two-day rental packages for wedding and receptions, reception-only events, and rehearsal dinners

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Guests dance at a wedding at Montgomery Place in Sheffield.

- Booking includes setup and cleanup, white wedding chairs, tables and linens to seat 175 guests
- An on-site representative for wedding and reception packages

Ava's Place is one of the Shoals' most popular rustic venues.

Kenneth Dawson opened the lofty barn near Shoal Creek Preserve in Florence in 2013 and named the site after his granddaughter.

Dawson said couples prefer his venue, which offers elegant indoor and outdoor ceremony and reception options in case of rain, because the nostalgic setting "feels like going to your grandmothers for Sunday dinner."

"We treat everyone like family, and we're glad to be a part of the special day," he said. "We offer a family feel and can be as hands-on as you choose to help make the day run

smoothly."

Accommodations and features:

- The 10,200-square-foot barn includes a commercial kitchen and ice machine, and separate spaces for the bridal party to dress.

- No vendor restrictions from caterers and photographers to music; hard liquor is prohibited, but wine and beer may be served.

- Wooden church pews available for the ceremony and tables and chairs in reception areas to accommodate up to 250 guests.

The Anderson Center offers a unique and memorable setting.

Ethan and Ella Bruton have converted Anderson Junior High School, which was built in the 1930s, into a stunning event venue with ceremony and reception options that include a vintage ballroom, charming library, or an outdoor garden.

Brides choose The Anderson Center because it offers separate, fully furnished ceremony and reception areas to accommodate up to 250 guests, which makes the transition from ceremony to celebration effortless, Ella Bruton said.

"Our indoor and outdoor options also make it simple to move an outdoor ceremony inside in case of rain," she said, adding that support staff handle set up and tear down "so brides don't have to stress on their special day and their families can enjoy the wedding."

Accommodations and features:

- The venue offers three packages to fit a variety of needs and budgets.

- Space includes two-day use of the venue for on-site rehearsal dinners, early decorating and photography sessions, and offers bridal party suites for dressing space.

- No vendor restrictions on caterers, photographers and music provider.

Bradford Farm is North Alabama's all-inclusive venue.

Located in Town Creek, Bradford Farm & Venue offers eight ceremony options on site from an open-air chapel, which serves as a picturesque backdrop or can provide shelter in a downpour, to the venue's Treasure Forest, which offers a magical setting under the canopy of loblolly pines.

Bradford Farm is the only all-inclusive option for weddings of the Shoals, with the nearest comparable venues located in Ardmore and Cullman, according to owner Heather Bradford Sherrill.

"We handle everything so our brides have a stress-free wedding planning experience," Sherrill said. "They get to do the fun part — dress shopping and picking out themes. Our packages are customizable."

Accommodations and features:

- In-house florist, photographer and exclusive caterer provide customizable options for a seamless wedding planning experience.

- Support staff provide golf cart service to accommodate parking and handle setup and tear down for the event.

- Space includes seating, tables and linens for up to 250 guests.

Other venues in the Shoals

The following is a sampling of other wedding venues serving the Shoals area:

Barn/Rustic

- The Owl's Landing in Killen
- Camp Creek Weddings in Killen
- The Cotton Gin at Roberson Farms in Rogerville
- Charlie's Vineyard at Frost Farm in Eva
- Cedar Creek Ridge Farms in Tishomingo, Mississippi
- Spring Hill Farm in Corinth, Mississippi

- River scenic/Gardens**
- St. Florian Fiber Farm
- The Lakes Venue in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee
- Danclay Farms in St. Florian
- Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Muscle Shoals
- Turtle Point Country Club in Killen
- The Riverton in Cherokee
- Doublehead Resort in Town Creek
- The Woodlands of Farmington in Corinth, Mississippi

Historic sites

- Pickett Place in Florence
- Sweetwater Depot in Florence
- Locust Hill in Tusculumbia
- Old Grace Venue in Sheffield
- The Buffer House in St. Florian
- The Witt House in Priceville
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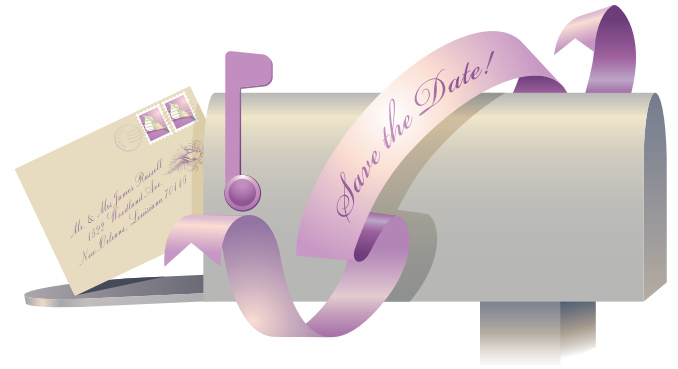
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When "YES" is said, the word that follows it is normally "BUDGET."

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

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Danielle Miller shops for her wedding dress inside Juanita's Fashions in Muscle Shoals.

Brides just want to have fun!

Tips for a stress-free shopping experience

by CHELSEA RETHERFORD

Photos by DAN BUSEY

Bridal gown shopping should be fun and memorable experience for every bride. It can become daunting, however, when a bride-to-be walks into a dress shop only to find their favorite inspirations aren't the most flattering fit for their body type. Tensions can rise further when the bride is surrounded by well-meaning friends and family who each have conflicting opinions about the dress selection.

The following is a list of tips and tricks from Shoals bridal gown experts to help even the most timid bride plan an enjoyable and successful shopping

experience:

1. Have an open mind

Too many times, Elle Lawler sees brides walk into the shop with a specific dress in mind just to be let down when it doesn't fit the way they imagined.

"I'd say 90 percent of brides come in and say they want something specific," Lawler, who owns Promenade formal-wear in Tusculumbia, said. "When it doesn't fit the way they thought, it can be hard for them to get past what they wanted. You have to be willing to try on different styles."

Barbara Jobe, owner of Juanita's Fashions in Muscle Shoals, wishes she saw more brides open to trying on fits they hadn't previously considered. She suggests saving a few photos from Pinterest, bridal sites or magazines to have an idea of where to begin.

"The biggest thing is to have an open mind. If you are looking at a picture of a model who weighs 115 pounds and is six-foot tall, that dress doesn't always look the same when you try it on," she said. "We see it happen all the time. When they don't love the look, they become stressed and

aren't willing to try on other dresses. Know what you want and what you like but be open to exploring other styles."

2. Plan ahead

The best thing a bride can do to ensure a stress-free shopping experience is to book appointments with bridal salons early, according to Kathryn Robinson, owner of Cherry Tree Lane in Florence.

"This ensures they will have one-on-one time with a bridal consultant," she said. "We've had brides walk in on a wild Saturday, and that's okay, but they don't get that undivided attention from a consultant who is busy running dresses for multiple clients. When you book ahead, we can devote that time to you to help you find your perfect dress."

Robinson suggests making appointments a couple of weeks ahead of their shopping date to ensure they get a prime slot, especially amid hectic holiday shopping seasons or peak wedding season.

Lawler agrees, "the sooner the better."

"This gives them plenty of time to order," Lawler said. "We tell our brides to allow six to eight months for their dress to come in. It doesn't always take that long, and we can accommodate brides who only have a few months, but you have more options available to you when you order early."

3. Selective invite

Lawler, Jobe and Robinson agree it is crucial to bring supportive people when dress shopping and try to keep guests to a minimum.

"We encourage two to three guests. Too many opinions can start to muddy what the bride thinks and wants for herself," Robinson said.

Jobe also suggests a limit of three guests.

"More than that and you have too many competing opinions that confuse the bride," she said. "You do want someone you can trust to be honest, not critical."

Lawler stressed less importance on the number of guests.

"We don't suggest limiting guests. Every situation is different," she said. "Less is better because it can get confusing when you have too many opinions thrown at you, but I think the most important thing is making sure your people know they are there to support you."

4. Adults only

None of the three dress shops have policies against young visitors, but each agreed bringing children shopping can be a huge distraction for the bride.

"We don't have a problem with brides or guests bringing children into the shop," Jobe said. "If the bride has a child with her and they are needy or want undivided attention, it can become an issue for the bride."

If the bride is a mother and wants to include their child in the experience, or a close relationship with a young member of their family they don't want to leave out, Lawler suggests bringing the child to the fitting instead.

5. Be honest

Lawler and Jobe stress that it is important for brides to be

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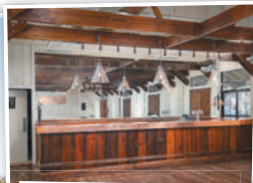


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open about their likes and dislikes with their consultants.

"They aren't going to hurt our feelings because they don't like the dress," Lawler said. "This helps us navigate what they want and what feels right for them."

"We can generally tell when a bride tries on a dress they hate. They can be honest about how they feel," Jobe added. "Our reputation is on the line. We don't want to send a bride away in a dress she doesn't love. That's not the reaction we want."

6. Dress for success

While Robinson agrees it can be hard to visualize the final picture if a bride comes dress shopping without hair and makeup done, she said it's down to the bride's preference about how she comes dressed for the shopping experience.

"Some come in dressed to the nines — hair and makeup done — so they can get the full affect when they try on," she said. "Others prefer to be comfortable on a day they are stepping out of one dress and into another. It varies on the bride's personality."

Jobe agrees the situation depends on the bride, but it can depend on the theme of the wedding as well — whether a bride and groom choose a glamorous ceremony or a more natural setting.

"Some brides want something elaborate and others might want something comfortable they feel happy in," she said. "When you shop for your wedding dress, remember you are not dressing for everyone else. It's your day."







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12 + Months

- 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

10-12 Months

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

8-10 Months

- 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 florists

6-8 Months

- 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

4-6 Months

- 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

3 Months

- 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

2 Months

- 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

1 Month

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

Day before

- 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!

Day of

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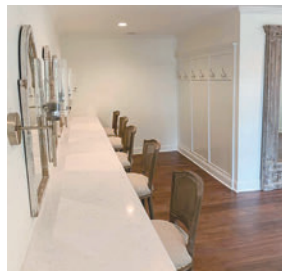


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Karen Alison Smalley and Michael Paul Barber were united in Holy Matrimony on May 29, 2021 at 6 o'clock in the evening at St. Florian Fiber Farm in Florence, Alabama. The bride chose an Art Deco vintage style gown from Casablanca Bridal. Heavily beaded with Swarovski crystals and rhinestones, the gown wows with a low-cut illusion back, perfectly framed by the Watteau style cathedral length veil. The bridesmaids wore Adriana Papell beaded rose gold dresses reminiscent of the 1920's, whose vertical beadwork echoes that of the bride's. The flower girls charmed in Victorian-style ruffled lace frocks with jewel-encrusted velvet shoes.

The pandemic thrust us all into a time of uncertainty and surrealism where life for many was put on hold. For us, our lives together were just beginning and flourishing with beauty. Mike elevated mine and my daughter's lives, coloring our world in hues I didn't even know existed. The man who waited almost four decades to find his soul mate, putting up walls and protecting his heart, told his best friend that he was going to "marry that girl" right after our first date. While I wouldn't hear "I love you" for another two months, he later admitted that he fell in love that very first night.

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Immediately following the ceremony, guests moved to the back lawn to enjoy pre-dinner cocktails and passed hors d'oeuvres. A separate beverage tent was set up to evoke a Roaring 20's speakeasy, affectionately named "Barber Brews & Booze". After a delectable dinner from Sweet Basil Alabama, guests danced the night away to the velvety pipes of Billy D. Allen and the rollicking sounds of Drumb & Drumber.

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- FLOWERGIRL DRESSES AND SHOES Joyfolie, www.joyfolie.com
- MEN'S ATTIRE Oxford Street Menswear, oxfordstreethsv.com
- ENGAGEMENT RING Diamonds Direct, diamondsdirect.com
- BRIDE'S JEWELRY Amore Treasure, etsy.com
- HAIR STYLIST Holy Snip Hair Salon, 256-469-0155
- ENTERTAINMENT Drumb & Drumber, 256-394-6849
- CEREMONY MUSIC Capstone String Quartet, 423-676-0083
- PHOTOGRAPHER Abraham Rowe Photography, 256-627-6480
- VIDEOGRAPHER Benj Smith Productions, 941-224-4373
- ANTIQUES Bill's Building Vintage Store, 256-668-3042
- ACCOMMODATIONS Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa, 256-246-3600
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*Connolly,
Weldon*



Catherine Marie Connolly and Joshua Timothy Weldon were married June 4, 2022 in a 2:00 afternoon ceremony held at Saint Michael's Catholic Church in Saint Florian. Officiating was Abbott Marcus Voss O.S.B. - Saint Bernard Abbey, Cullman, Ala., and Rev. Christopher Weldon, Pleasant Hill Church, Central, Ala. The reception was held at The Buffler House, Saint Florian, following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Matthew Alan Connolly and Melanie Stumpe Connolly of Saint Florian. She is the granddaughter of the late Raymond Stumpe, Jr. of Florence, Elizabeth Connolly and the late William Connolly of Florence, and the great-niece of special great-uncle and aunt (Pop and Mim), Marilyn Gartman and the late Stephen Blevins.

The groom is the son of Rev. Christopher Timothy Weldon and Julie Leann Weldon of Florence. He is the grandson of Dr. Mike Weldon and Marie Weldon of Florence, Julian Wright and Jean Wright of Cortland, New York, and the late Jane Wright of Burnsville, Miss.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose a beautiful white, off-the-shoulder gown and matching veil from Cherry Tree Lane in Florence, along with Pelino Sandals from Etsy.

Maid of honor was Karleanna Abshire, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Sydney Byrd, Morgan Stevens, and Logan Woodley, all friends of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Hazel Connolly, cousin of the bride. Flower girl was Clair Rose Tebben, cousin of the bride.

Best man was Parker Quillen, best friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Tucker Smith, Jacob Clemmons, and Sam Watson, all friends of the groom. Junior groomsmen were Caleb Weldon, brother of the groom, and Chip Connolly, cousin of the bride.

Wedding director was Terri Brown of Kiss the Bride. Floral designer was Will & Dee's Florist, Florence. Ceremony music was performed by pianist Vanessa Bowser and vocalist and guitarist Dan Penny, both of Florence. Entertaining guests at the reception was DJ Lavale and Sonya Cooper of CC Music Entertainment. Jill Larkin of Jill's Sweet Memories catered the reception, and made the wedding and groom's cakes. Invitations were from The Shipping Zone in Killen. The groom and groomsmen's suits were from The London Shoppe. Hair stylist was Shelby Thaxton and make up artist was Savanna Vinson. Photographer was Rebekah Bevis Handley of Rebekah Photography, and videographer was Benjamin McGee.

The couple spent their honeymoon at Sandals South Coast Resort in Jamaica, and are now residing in Auburn.

Photos by Rebekah Photography





Joshua and I first met in our freshman year of high school at Shoals Christian School in Florence. Though we were friends all throughout high school, it was not until our senior year that we started dating. Senior prom was the beginning of our story. In planning the music to incorporate into our ceremony and reception, we reverted back to music that is special to the both of us. Of the ceremonial music, we included the last slow dance song of our senior prom, which, is one of our favorite songs, "Perfect" by Ed Sheeran. We incorporated "Perfect" into the bridal entrance mixed with "Cannon in D" and our first dance at the reception.

As our faith is important to me, my husband, and our families, we were excited to be able to have members of both of our families assist in our ceremony. We asked my grandfather's relative, Abbot Marcus, to officiate our wedding while having my husband's father, Rev. Chris Weldon, pray blessings over us and our life together.

One major bonding point for my husband and I when we first started dating was aviation. As a little girl growing up into my middle school years, I loved to fly with my Mim and Pop, who was a private pilot, that enjoyed sharing his passion for flying with me. My Pop and Mim, though they are actually my great uncle and aunt, are like grandparents to me. Although Mim and I lost Pop to cancer in middle school, it always makes me happy when she tells me how much she loves Josh and how much he reminds her of Pop. As Pop was someone that majorly influenced my life, I knew that I wanted to remember him on our big day. Instead of the typical sparkler or bubble send-offs, my husband, who is also a pilot, and I decided to remember Pop by having a paper plane send off from the reception.

Though an unexpected moment in the day, one of our favorite memories were the few minutes between the ceremony and the reception with my husband and my father, Matt. After the ceremony recessional, my father drove us from the church to the Buffler House for the reception just down the road in a Model-T, that belongs to my father's brother, Paul. Leaving the church, we were met by confetti cannons that filled the train of my dress with glitter and confetti. After my dad and husband helped me get out of the Model T, they laughed and watched as me, a new, giddy bride, twirled around, letting the confetti and glitter fly around in a fun, private moment away from the busy, however, exciting day.

Slightly unorthodox, my father and I's song for the father-daughter dance at the reception was "Sweet Child of Mine" by Guns N Roses. Though, it is not by any means of a traditional slow dance song, it was our favorite song and we had fun dancing, swaying, and laughing all throughout our dance.

Thank you to all of the sweet ladies that helped with the bridal shower at the Buffler house and the bridesmaids' luncheon at Turtle Point.







*Basden,
Fordice*



Madison Basden and Nicholas “Nick” Fordice were married May 21, 2022 at 6:30 in the evening in a beautiful outdoor ceremony at the Basden lakefront residence at Saddlebrook in Killen, with Pastor Ronny Poag of Faith Church officiating. The reception followed at the Basden residence.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Barry Basden and Mrs. Kathleen “Kate” Basden of Killen. She is the granddaughter of Rayford Basden and the late Delores “Ann” Basden of Tusculum, and John “Mike” and Marianne Murphy of Bradenton, Fla.

The groom is the son of Dr. James Fordice and Dr. Sarina Fordice of Franklin, Tenn. He is the grandson of the late Daniel “Kirk” and Patricia Fordice of Vicksburg, Miss., and Dean and Doris Williams of Huntington Beach, Calif.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose an Augusta Jones “Erica” gown along with a Jennifer Leigh “Charity” veil, both bought at Carriage House Weddings in Birmingham. For her “something borrowed”, she wore a diamond tennis bracelet from the groom’s aunt, Linda Williams. She also wore Jennifer Behr “Allannah” style earrings and Sam Edelman shoes.

Maid of honor was Megan Basden, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Sydney Fordice, sister-in-law of the bride; Chandler Nelson, Katie Faust, Emily Bates, Brooke Thornton, Maddie McAlister, and Dayna Hood, all friends of the bride. Flower girl was Lily Murphy, cousin of the bride.

The groom chose his father, Dr. James Fordice, as his best man. Groomsmen were Sam Harris, Luke Godber, Jack Freese, Ryan Pope, Ryan Moulton, Jack Melgaard, and Matthew Bates, all friends of the groom.

Wedding director was Chelsea Kennedy of Chelsea Kennedy Events. Floral designer was Carl Casiday at Lola’s Gifts. Ceremony music was arranged by Thomas Meternik of Florence, and the reception entertainment was Musical Fantasy Band. The reception was catered by April Clayton of Southern Skillet Catering, and the wedding cake and groom’s cake were made by Yummies. Hair stylist and make up artist was The Transformation in Huntsville. Photographer was Joel and Amber Photography and videographer was Awaken Films. Other special helpers were Kristin Bohannon, Whitney McGill, Kai Murphy of Chelsea Kennedy Events; Heather Davis and Joe Quillen of Florence Building Company; and Josh at Party Pros. Most guests stayed in Florence for the weekend, so Madison and Nick arranged for Anchor Tours to pick up guests at each hotel and shuttle them to Killen and returned them at the end of the night. Guests were able to fully enjoy the celebrations without worry of leaving cars or having to call ubers or taxis.

For their honeymoon, the couple spent three nights on the Gulf of Papagayo, four nights near the Arenal Volcano (close to the city of La Fortuna) in the Guanacaste region of Costa Rica. They are now residing in Pensacola, Fla.

Photos by Joel and Amber Photography





Ledlow, Riddle





Chelsie Elizabeth Ledlow and James Lucas Riddle were married March 20, 2021 at 3:00 in the afternoon at The Givens House with Eddie Osborn officiating. The reception followed at The Givens House Chapel.

The bride is the daughter of Dale and Cyndi Ledlow of Muscle Shoals. She is the granddaughter of Shirley Ledlow and the late Don Ledlow of Muscle Shoals, Carole Bump of Florence, and the late Sonny Kimbrough of Cherokee.

The groom is the son of Eddie Riddle of Hartselle, Tracy Riddle of Hartselle, and the late Jimmy "JJ" Jester of Hartselle. He is the grandson of Patricia Riddle, Freda Summeral, Larry Riddle, and the late Ricky Sybert, all of Hartselle.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose a beautiful white gown from Kathleen's Bridal.

Matron of honor was Hayley Stutts, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mary Mckinley, Abby Pilgrim, and Abby Howard, all friends of the bride, and junior bridesmaid was Brystol Fisher. Flower girls were Sadie Finley and Lydia Richards.

Best man was the groom's father Eddie Riddle. Groomsmen were Josh Stutts, Bucky Williams, and Jaydon England, all friends of the groom. Ring bearers were Cash Stutts and River Stutts.

Wedding director was Kristi Nix Sockwell and floral designer was Bernice Givens. The bride's and bridesmaids' floral arrangements were done by Cyndi Ledlow using Luv Sola Wood Flowers. Ceremony music was performed by Dwayne Matlock. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet, the wedding cake was made by Bernice Givens, and the groom's cake was made by Suzann White. Hair stylist and make up artist was Stacy Sewell with Salon 209, along with Yana Hardin of Designing Salon and Julie Arndt with Teresa & Associates Salon. Photographer was Bella Bliss Photography. Other special helpers were bridal party assistant Audrey Claire Michael, and notary Tina Gladden.

After a honeymoon get-away to North Carolina, the couple is now residing in Hartselle.

"My husband and I come from a family that had us involved in dirt track racing and that is something we share together, so we incorporated that with our wedding day with the checkered flags, custom helmet by Off Axis Paint, the groom's cake was made to look like an engine, and his mom incorporated it even more with the groom's table and the rehearsal dinner. The groom's tuxedos came The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle and my husband ordered his jacket online that is a replica of the jacket Elvis got married in. It also had pictures of Elvis on the inside of the jacket. Our flowers for the party were unique because we used wood flowers from Luv Sola and my bridesmaids got to keep their arrangements for keepsakes. I highly recommend all of the vendors we used because even though times were hard during the pandemic, all of them made sure that our special day was beyond our expectations and they did just that. I can't thank everyone enough for all they did to make this day so memorable."

Photos by Bella Bliss Photography









Emily and Andrew met in Birmingham in 2017 while they were both working there. Since then, their journey has taken them from Alabama to Louisiana to South Carolina and back home again.

Emily Michelle Pendley and James Andrew Young, Jr. were married March 19, 2022 in a 5:30 afternoon ceremony in the outdoor cathedral at Bradford Farm. Floating candles and greenery lined the aisle leading the way to the stained glass windows. Larry Kilpatrick officiated the ceremony, and a dinner and dancing reception followed in the reception hall at Bradford Farm.

The bride is the daughter of David and Belinda Pendley of Sheffield. The groom is the son of Jim and Sherri Young of North Pole, Alaska.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose a white gown with lace and beautiful detailing and matching cathedral veil from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle, and carried a bouquet of pink tulips. Bridesmaids wore flowing off the shoulder dresses in charcoal, the groomsmen all wore navy suits with gray ties, and the flower girl wore a navy tea length dress.

Matron of honor was Katie Gurley, sorority sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Emma Spann and Anna Wicks, friends of the bride. Flower girl was Sydney Pledger, niece of the bride.

Best man was Sean Buxham, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Matt Young, brother of the groom, and Bill Sexton, friend of the groom.

Floral designer was Heather Bradford Sherrill. Ceremony music was provided by Gus Spears of Universal Sound and Events. The reception dinner of Tuscan chicken and brisket was catered by Southern Skillet, and the red velvet wedding cake with cream cheese icing and fun-fetti groom's cake decorated with a North Pole, Alaska skyline, were made by Mimi B's. Hair stylist was Ashley Cassel and make up artist was Lauren Lindholm. Photographer was Heather Bradford Sherrill of Create Portraiture. Bridal photo by Amanda Chapman Photography.

The couple's first dance was to "I'm With You" by Vance Joy. The bride then danced with her father to "Here Comes The Sun", followed by the groom and his mother to "My Wish".

After the ceremony, the newlyweds enjoyed a week in the breathtaking Riveria Maya for some much needed relaxation. They now reside in Tuscumbia.

Photos by Create Portraiture and Amanda Chapman Photography





*Gardiner,
Roden*



Ryan Leigh Gardiner and Trenton Roden were married October 29, 2022 at 5:00 in the afternoon at Gardiner Farm with Rick Owen officiating. The reception followed at Gardiner Farm.

The bride is the daughter of Jimmy and Nan Gardiner of Tuscumbia. She is the granddaughter of the late Bill and Betsy Gardiner of Tuscumbia, and John and Sue Kitchens of Boaz.

The groom is the son of Wade and Christy Roden of Littleville. He is the grandson of Agnes Roden and the late Hollis Roden of Littleville, and Judy Mayfield and the late Harold Mayfield of Tuscumbia.



The bride was escorted by her father. She chose a beautiful white gown from The Something Blue Shoppe. For her "Something Old" she wore her late grandmother's Chanel No. 5. Maid of honor was Elizabeth Bendall, childhood friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Lauren Roden, Ashlyn Pifer, Kathryn Brewer, Olivia Jones, and Martina Meneses.

Best man was the groom's father, Wade Roden. Groomsmen were Cody Counce, Jared Thornton, Gavin McDougal, Gage Brewer, Brandon Hunter, and J. Gardiner.

Wedding director was Chelsea Kennedy. Floral designer was Lola's. Music for the ceremony was provided by Sutherland Sight & Sound, and Blackberry Breeze Band entertained guests at the reception. The wedding cake was made by Judy Wann and Sugartime Bakery by Regina made the groom's cake. The reception was catered by Sweet Basil. Hair stylist was Flo Blo and make up artist was Bare Beauty. Photographer was Rebekah Photography.

After a honeymoon at Excellence Punta Cana Resort in the Dominican Republic, the couple is now residing in Muscle Shoals.

Photos by Rebekah Photography



*Bozonelos,
Leslie*





Morgan Bozonelos and Brett Leslie were married October 29, 2022 at 4:00 in the afternoon at the Bozonelos home in Sheffield, in a beautiful outdoor ceremony overlooking the Tennessee River, with Dr. Carl Gebhardt officiating. The reception was held at Ray's at the Bank following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Greg and Vanessa Bozonelos of Sheffield. She is the granddaughter of the late LJ and Leona Radcliff of Crossville, Tenn., and James Bozonelos and the late Sally Bozonelos of Mobile.

The groom is the son of Scott and Melissa Leslie of Decatur. He is the grandson of the late Donald and Sybil Wright of Decatur, and the late Arthur and Molene Leslie of Arab.

The bride was escorted by her father. For the ceremony, she wore a customized Lazaro Tara Keely Blossom 2358 gown, along with a Madeline Fig veil and Alexandre Birman shoes. For the reception, she wore a Needle & Thread Tempest Bodice Ballerina Dress. She wore earrings by Olive & Piper and Familiar Jewelry, along with other vintage 1960's jewelry, including a pearl fishbone bracelet and her Heirloom Pave engagement ring from Brooklyn, N.Y. Her bridal purse was also vintage 1960's.

Matron of honor was Courtney Cofield, sister of the bride, and best man was Matthew Leslie, brother of the groom. Ring bearer was Bailey Bozonelos, family pomeranian and all around good boy.

Day of coordinator was Lucy Page of Two Hearts and Mine. Bouquets and boutonnieres were by Susan Rowe at Floridesign Co., and the garlands and greenery were from Wholesale Garland. The cocktail hour was catered by family friend and neighbor Chef Alan Philips. The reception was catered by Katrina Hudson of Ray's at the Bank, who did an amazing job making a classic mid century steakhouse menu come to life. The wedding cake was made by Oakland Bakery and was a pumpkin cake with cream cheese frosting, in honor of the bride's grandma Leona. Jazz standards were performed by Dave McConnell for guests at the reception. Hair stylist was Celee Powers of Parlor 217 and make up artist was Savana Vinson of Makeup by Savana. Photographer was Liv Anderson Photography. Seriously Simple Soap of Huntsville created wonderful locally made rosemary soaps for wedding favors. Other special helpers were contractor Yancy Ownby and painters Tinker Evans and Tim Purdy, who worked incredibly hard to remodel and repaint the Bozonelos family home in time for the wedding.

For their honeymoon, the couple went the Cayman Islands, British West Indies. They are now residing in Huntsville.

"Our wedding was mid century modern inspired as we collect 1950's/1960's antiques and items related to tiki/cocktail culture. All of the decor was either found at antique stores, flea markets, and thrift stores from all over Alabama, or DIY'd by the bride/her dad. Our favorite thing to do together is getting out and driving the backroads to see what we find, so this gave us a great reason to do it!"

Photos by Liv Anderson Photography







Behel, Letsinger





Carly Behel and Benji Letsinger were married July 9, 2022 at 6:00 in the evening in a beautiful outdoor ceremony at Harvest Hollow Venue and Farm with Matthew Kirkpatrick officiating. The sit down dinner reception followed at Harvest Hollow.

The bride is the daughter of Corey and Anne Behel of Florence and Tracy and Michael Cole of Killen. She is the granddaughter of the late David and Cheryl Behel of Florence, the late Garland and Betty Parker of Florence, Beaney and Margie Cole of Killen, Linda Stanley and the late Joe Stanley of Tuscumbia, and Mae Wood and the late James Wood of Town Creek.

The groom is the son of Phillip Letsinger and the late Toni Letsinger of Muscle Shoals. He is the grandson of Avery Michael and the late Ida Mae Michael of Muscle Shoals, and the late Ozzie and Gladys Letsinger of Leighton.

The bride chose a beautiful trumpet style gown with a long train, with sequins going down the length of the dress, purchased from The Something Blue Shoppe. She wore a matching full length veil lined in sequins. Sewn on the inside of her dress, was a blue heart made from her Granddaddy's shirt.

Maids of honor were Ashley Beck and Ryann Cuevas, both friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Camryn Behel, sister of the bride; Hannah Nails, Abbie Hargett, Ashton Daffinson, and Maddy Whitt, all friends of the bride. Flower girls were Eva Grace Berry, Elsa Claire Berry, and Vivian Gipson, all nieces of the bride. Something Blue Girls were Brittany Berry and Savannah Cole, sisters-in-law of the bride, and Abby Cole, step-sister of the bride.

Best man was the groom's brother, Bryant Letsinger. Groomsmen were Ethan Gibson, Tristan Beck, Noah Coan, Thomas Craft, Elijah Wade, all friends of the groom; and Cody Berry, brother of the bride.

Wedding director was Kristi Nix Sockwell. Floral designer was Justin Myrick. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by Shawn Nix. The reception was catered by Jill's Sweet Memories, who also made the wedding cake and groom's cake. Invitations were made by The Shipping Zone. Hair stylist was Lauren Bevis and make up artist was Savana Vinson. Photographer was Rebekah Handley of Rebekah Photography.

The couple had KO Adventure Travel book their honeymoon trip to Punta Cana, where they stayed at the Sanctuary Cap Cana resort. They are now residing in Florence.

Photos by Rebekah Photography



Pierce, McDaniel





Ann Hardin “Annie” Pierce and Taylor Paul McDaniel were married April 2, 2022 in a 5:30 afternoon ceremony at First Baptist Church of Florence with Frank Mills, Cross Point Church of Christ, officiating. The reception was held at Turtle Point Yacht & Country Club following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Billy and Jan Pierce of Florence. She is the granddaughter of the late Waylon and Karen Terry of Florence, and Dorothy Pierce and the late Billy Pierce of Moulton.

The groom is the son of Jason and Heather McDaniel of Florence. He is the grandson of James and Donna Medley and Jerry and Susan McDaniel, all of Florence.

The bride was escorted by her father. Her wedding gown and veil were designed by Allison Webb (NYC) and purchased from Birch on Main in Huntsville. Her shoes were Loeffler Randall in Camellia pearl.

Matron of honor was Hensley Pierce Durdunji, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kasey Young Abernathy, Brittany Brown Miles, Olivia Godsey Gillette, Mary Hannah Miller, LeeAnna Sparks, Emma Walker, all friends of the bride, and Sydney Terry, cousin of the bride. Program attendants were Dylan and Kelsie McDaniel, cousins of the groom.

Best man was the groom’s father, Jason McDaniel. Groomsmen were Chandler McDaniel and Evan McDaniel, brothers of the groom; Colton Durdunji, brother-in-law of the bride; Jacob Sparks, Wesley Henry, Aaron Miles, and Jonah Gray, all friends of the groom.

Wedding directors were Jeremy Painter and Sara Bayles. Floral designers were Justin Myrick and Carmalita Coan. Felicity String Quartet provided the music for the ceremony, and The Midnighters entertained guests at the reception. The reception was catered by Turtle Point Yacht & Country Club, and Yummies Bakery made the wedding cake and groom’s cake. The bride’s engagement ring, as well as both wedding bands, were purchased from Grogan’s Jewelers. Hair stylist was Danielle Hale at Revelationz Studio of Hair Design, and make up artist was Corey Nichols. Photographer was Abraham Rowe Photography and videographer was Al Hammond with Awaken Films. The bridesmaids dresses, and the dresses of the mothers of the bride and groom, were purchased from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle. The tuxedos worn by the groomsmen and the father of the bride were rented at Party Pros of Florence, as was the staging, drapes, and cocktail tables. All customized goods at the wedding were hand designed by Frances Ledgewood at Ledgewood Fine Stationary in Madison. The trolley was rented through the City of Tusculumbia to transport the wedding party. The out of town guests were transported by Anchor Transportation. Wedding guest accommodations were provided by Marriott Hotel and Spa of The Shoals.

The rehearsal dinner was held at the Stricklin Hotel. It was catered by The Red Clay Table. Florals were done by Justin Myrick, and all invitations, signage, place cards, and menus were designed by Frances Ledgewood at Ledgewood Fine Stationary.

For their honeymoon, the couple spent seven days at Excellence Playa Mujeres, an all-inclusive resort in Cancun, Mexico. They are now residing in Florence.

Photos by Abraham Rowe Photography







Hutson, Gast





Ana Elsa Hutson and William Ray Gast met at Sofia's Cantina in July of 2019. While their courtship was here in Rogersville, Ala., and their proposal was in Gatlinburg, Tenn on the very TOP of the Island Ferris Wheel in November of 2020. They chose to celebrate their love for one another on September 22, 2022 at 5:00 in the evening on the Makai Lawn of the Maui Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa, Kaanapali beach in Hawaii.

The officiant was Carrll Robilotta from the Island of Maui who shared a native ritual with the blowing of conk shell to announce the bride is coming to meet the groom for the first time before the ceremony begins. The exchange of the leis and finally the rings, he then blows the conk shell again as the couple share a kiss to announce the marriage has been bound! The ceremonial music was a violin soloist who played as Ana walked down to join William in her bridal ensemble that was designed from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle, Ala.

The beautiful cake, featuring fresh strawberry filling, was deliciously crafted by a Lahaina bakery. The photographer was Moani and Lisa Williams, and the videographer was native to the land.

A beautiful honeymoon, romantic and full of good vibes from a mystical island, sailing the Pacific ocean, was the perfect beginning to a happily ever after! In Rogersville, AL to begin their life as a husband and wife.

!!OUR FAIRYTALE WEDDING WAS A DREAM COME TRUE!!! Keep on dreaming because forever can start today with lots of faith and a little bit of magic!

Ana Elsa & William





Hall, Southerland

Carley Ann Hall and Jacob Shawn Southerland were married November 19, 2022 at 5:00 in the afternoon at Third Avenue Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, where they are both members. Pastor Sam Emadi, Carley's former pastor at Hunsinger Lane Baptist Church, officiated the wedding. Sam Crosby, a dear friend and mentor of Jacob's, read a passage of scripture. Musicians were David Zimmer and Lacy Hudson Condy from Sovereign Grace Music. The reception was held at The Gillespie in Louisville following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Harold and Laura Hall of Florence, Alabama. She is the granddaughter of Herby and Ann Harrison of Florence and the late James Roy and Ernestine Hall. Honorary grandmother is Patricia Keener, Leesburg, Alabama.

The groom is the son of Gina Southerland, Shawn and Joanne Southerland, all of McDonough, Georgia. He is the grandson of Carolyn Neister, the late Gary Neister, John Brantley, the late Diane Brantley, Carla Southerland, and the late John Southerland.

The bride wore a custom designed Vera Wang Haute Luxe gown from B. Hughes Bridal in Brentwood, Tennessee. The gown was a soft white off the shoulder crepe Couture bridal gown with a hand draped cowl neck and French tulle sleeves. The gown had covered buttons accented with hand draped macramé lace at the bodice and train. She also wore a French Tulle Cathedral veil. The bride's "something blue" was her Nana's aquamarine birthstone ring, which she wore during the wedding and reception. Her wedding bouquet featured a gold and pearl pin of a special great aunt, Doris DeVaney.

Maids of Honor were Laura Lee Keener and Ann Margaret Keener. Matron of Honor was Abby Killen. Bridesmaids were Sidney Southerland, Brandie Thompson, Allyson Johnson, Rachael Page, and Caroline Cobb. Flower girl was Mila Kate Thompson.

Best man was Trey Childress. Groomsmen were Conner Hall, Logan Southerland, Caleb Cyprian, Jacob Workman, Steven Condy, Matt Harris, and Ethan Sprowles. Ring Bearers were Henry Knause and Andrew Knause.

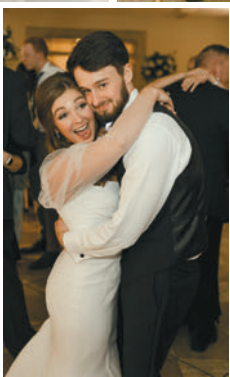
Wedding Coordinator was Rachel Hunter. Floral designer was Mary Woods with Rose and Honey Florals. Reception entertainment was provided by Harold Mahan Productions (HMP). UNITED Catering catered the buffet reception including a Kentucky Hot Brown pasta. Quill's Coffee provided the coffee bar. The almond flavored, four-tiered wedding cake and the groom's Georgia-themed banana hummingbird Reese's cake were made by Sweet Stuff Bakery. Showtime Photobooth provided the customized photobooth. Hair stylist was Mallory Miles and makeup artists were Adelaide Carroll and Emily Stiles. The black velvet bridesmaids dresses were from Azazie and the classic black groomsmen's tuxedos were from Generation Tux. Printers and Stationer's Inc. provided the invitations, napkins, signage, and programs. Ambassador Capital Limousine Service Inc. provided the limousine for the couple's departure. Photographer was Lang Thomas Photography, named a top Martha Stewart Weddings photographer in the country, and videographer was Colburn Films.

Jacob and Carley's favorite part of their ceremony was getting to sing "All Glory be to Christ" as their first act as a married couple with all their friends and family in attendance. Their favorite part of their reception was their choreographed dancing exit.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Paris, France. They are now residing in Louisville, Kentucky where they are both Biblical Counseling students at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

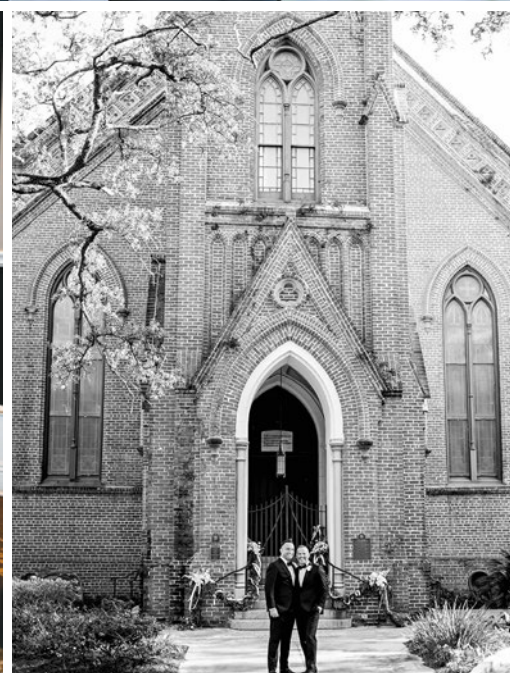
Photos by Lang Thomas Photography







Guthrie-Furst





Mr. Christopher Jeffery Guthrie and Mr. James Michael Furst were married October 1, 2022 at five-thirty in the afternoon. The ceremony was held at Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church on St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans, LA with Dr. Jay Churchill Hogewood officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. John Girard Guthrie, Jr. of Wiggins, MS, Mrs. Dianna Gail Acosta of Fernandina Beach, FL, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Duane Furst of Tampa, FL. Grandparents of the grooms are Ms. Carole Annis Pearce of Wiggins, MS, Mrs. Joy Pearce and the late Dr. Robert Edmund Pearce of Baton Rouge, LA, the late Mrs. Joyce McDaniel Pearce, the late Mr. and Mrs. John Girard Guthrie, the late Mr. and Mrs. Vincent DePaul Greco, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Duane Grover Furst.

Maid of honor was daughter, Abigail Marie Furst. Groomsmen were: sisters, Robin Michelle Perez, Samantha Guthrie Thames, Calista Guthrie Mills; cousins, Allison Rene Pearce, Katherine Guthrie Leist, Kortney Breland Woodard, Kaitlyn Riann Breland; and friends, Carol Frisco Walert, Jessica Lynn Franke, Ana Overstreet White, Sara Gray Gould, Kayla Diane Clark, Paige Perre Rahn, and Jennifer Dimm Bergeron. Flower girls were goddaughter Zoë Elizabeth Rahn, niece Georgia Lynn Thames, and cousin Emma Lee Woodard.

Best man was son, Evan Archer Furst. Groomsmen were: brothers, Daniel Paul Furst and John Girard Guthrie, III; brothers-in-law, Nestor Leonard Perez, Jr., John West Thames, Austin Jeffrey Mills; nephews, Alex Joseph Perez and Eric Anthony Perez; and friends, Bradley Dale Lowe, David Arthur Rahn, Cody Lee Brown, Joseph Lindsey Burgin, and John Lewis Babb. Ring bearers were nephews, John West Thames, Jr., Foster Lee Mills, Jackson Pearce Thames, and godson Spencer David Rahn.

Program attendants were cousins, Abigail Christine Woodard and Levi Dewayne Woodard. Organist was Dr. Macus St. Julien. Wedding ceremony directors were Shaun Darnell, Robin Alana Dorch, and Annette Gray.

Parents and grandparents were seated as "In This Very Room" by Ron and Carol Harris, was performed by vocalist Kortney Breland Woodard, cousin. The wedding party processional was accompanied by "Canon In D" by Pachelbel. The ring bearers carried pillows that "Mot," Mrs. Martha Sauls, made for Christopher's sisters' weddings. Martha used lace and embellishments from things that were special to her to make the pillows. Guests stood as "Trumpet Voluntary In D" by Jeremiah Clarke marked the procession of the grooms. The scripture reader was Jana Price Ball, friend. After the exchanging of vows and rings, "The Lord's Prayer" by Albert Hay Malotte was sung by vocalist and friend of the couple, Joseph Andrew Tate. The ceremony concluded with "Allegro Maestoso from Water Music" by G.F. Handel.

For the ceremony the grooms wore classically styled black tuxedos. Each of the grooms' initials were embroidered on the sleeves of their shirts. On the inside of their jackets, the wedding date, 10-1-22, and their signature was embroidered. Christopher carried in his pocket a handkerchief made from one of his late Paw Paw's, Bob Pearce, dress shirts. James had the handkerchief made especially for this occasion. It was embroidered with Christopher and his PawPaw's initials and the Cajun French saying "Laissez les bons temps rouler" which means "Let the good times roll." The grooms wore new watches that they gifted to one another for the occasion. For the reception, the grooms changed into a tux jacket that was a fun brocade fabric and sparkling dance shoes. The reception jackets had the grooms' first initial and new last name, Guthrie-Furst, embroidered inside them. The grooms' custom tailored tuxedos were from Luca Falcone Custom Clothiers in New Orleans, LA.

The spectacular florals for the entire wedding weekend were created by designer Justin Myrick of Jut's Weddings and Special Events, Florence, AL. The flowers included white hydrangeas, garden roses, gillyflowers, snapdragons, larkspur and ranunculus to name a few. The white botanical theme was carried throughout all of the wedding festivities. Guests were greeted by white blossoming arrangements in the hotel lobby at check in as well as the wedding party suites. Arrangements of similar style embellished the rehearsal dinner/party and were used throughout the couple's home. The church was adorned with white florals at the entry all the way to the altar. The grooms donned ranunculus boutonnières and the other men and little boys wore rose boutonnières while the ladies carried bouquets of complimentary white flowers. The flower girls sprinkled white rose petals in the aisle as guests anticipated the grooms' entry. The white florals used in the church were also imitated at the reception in the courtyard, parlor and ballroom. The only pop of color was in the bar/lounge area where bright blue, orange, green, purple and red florals were used inspired by the couple's pelican paintings, by Becky Fos, which were displayed behind the bar.



Photos by Jennifer Jones Photography



The reception was held at The Cannery on Toulouse Street in Mid City. At the reception, guests were greeted with champagne and music by violinist Sam Craft for the cocktail hour. The unique sign-in piece at the reception was a painting of Commander's Palace by the couple's favorite artist and friend, Becky Fos, a gift to the couple from Kellie Schilling Levy of The Cannery. The exquisite wedding cake was created by mother/daughter duo, Ginny McLeod Parker and Teresa Parker Johnson of Wiggins, MS. The Parkers are lifelong friends of the Guthrie family and Ginny made both of Christopher's sisters' wedding cakes as well as his parents'. The grooms incorporated some special items from their grandparents on the cake and punch tables. Christopher's late Granny's, Joyce Pearce, punch bowl, silver champagne bucket and goblets, his late Grandma and Granddaddy's, Randalin and John Guthrie, wedding candy dish that they received as a wedding gift over 70 years ago, his MiMi's, Carole Pearce, late mother's, Christine Annis, Fostoria candlesticks, his Gam's, Joy Pearce, silver dish and James' late grandmother's, Doris Greco, etched glass goblets. The old stained glass windows displayed at the ceremony and reception were from Christopher's hometown church's sanctuary, First United Methodist Church in Wiggins, MS.

Catering for the reception was provided by Toulouse Gourmet Catering. Guests enjoyed savory delicacies including shrimp and grits, seared tuna, roasted pork loin, chicken and spinach farfalle, charcuterie, nachitos, meat pies, artichoke cheesecake, house made crostini, and stuffed mushrooms just to name a few. Pralines, king cake and petit fours were in the dessert room. In addition to these New Orleans favorites were Louisiana shaped cookies with the wedding date and grooms' initials made by friend Kimberly Norlin of Occasionally Sweet. The grooms shared their first dance to "Best for You" by Harper Grae followed by a dance with their mothers to "Mother" by Sugarland. Guests danced the night away to current hits and timeless classics performed by the grooms' favorite band, New Orleans KARMA. A photo booth was provided by Snapparazzi Photo of Biloxi, MS. NOLA Pedicabs provided the reception departure with guests waving white embroidered handkerchiefs for their send off.

The photographer was Jennifer Jones Photography of Wiggins, MS. Artist and friend, Darci Prescott Stockman was commissioned to do the sketch of Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church for the wedding invitations and programs printed by GEM Printing Company in Metairie, LA. The couple's jeweler was Susan Brewer of Reed's Jewelers, Biloxi, MS. Hair stylists were Loan Tran of Tran Styles and Kandice Hanks of Hair by Kandice, and make-up artist was Kristen Kiefer Makeup. Wedding guests stayed at the Hilton St. Charles Avenue.

Christopher and James were engaged on July 2, 2021. Christopher popped the question at a very special place, Commander's Palace, in New Orleans. Commander's is well known around the world for its award-winning quality of food and its convivial atmosphere. For Christopher, it's special because his Paw Paw, Bob Pearce, loved it and was a previous CEO for the Brennan family. The dessert chef helped with the proposal by writing on the plate of pecan pie "Will you marry me?" And of course James said yes! In September 2021, their family and friends hosted an engagement party at The Cannery in New Orleans.

The couple's friends and families threw multiple showers and parties throughout their engagement leading up to the big day! Christopher and James registered at Shearwater Pottery, The White House Gifts, Hazelnut New Orleans and Bed, Bath and Beyond. To kick off the wedding weekend, a special tea party was held at the Windsor Court by dear friends, Paige Perre Rahn and Kitty Perre, for the grooms, their mothers, sisters, and grandmothers. After the rehearsal at the church that evening, Christopher's family hosted a beautiful rehearsal dinner/party at the grooms' home in New Orleans. 3 Belles Catering of Wiggins, MS prepared a beautiful and delicious spread. Some of the flavorful cuisine included charcuterie with gourmet cheeses, meats, fruits; Hawaiian chicken, pork tenderloin on crostinis with a cranberry chutney, mediterranean orzo and spinach salad, chicken and sausage jambalaya dip with French bread, stuffed mushrooms and stuffed jalapeños, crawfish cheesecake, cranberry and pecan dip, and caramel cheesecake shooters for dessert.

For their honeymoon, the couple traveled to the magical Walt Disney World. This is also where Christopher's parents went on their honeymoon! The couple is now happily residing in New Orleans, LA.





Patterson, Harper

Shelby Patterson and Alex Harper were married July 9, 2022 at 6:30 in the evening at Bradford Farm & Venue with Brian Smith officiating. The reception followed at Bradford Farm.

The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Lisa Patterson of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Kathleen Jo Patterson and the late Olon Patterson, and the late Don and Betty Crosby.

The groom is the son of David and Carla Harper of Green Hill. He is the grandson of Royce and Wanda McGee and the late Everett and Geneva Harper.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a Martina Liana Design gown with beautifully embroidered satin purchased from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle.

Matrons of honor were Shannon Casteel, sister of the bride, and Katie Holliday, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Haley Thorp, cousin of the bride; Caleigh Wallace, cousin of the groom; Addi Casteel, niece of the bride; Abby Collier, Jordan Whitlock, Jerra Burden, Caitlyn Grigsby, Georgia Claire Varble, Jeanne Thomas, and Ashley Darracott, all friends of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, David Harper. Groomsmen were Chandler Harper, brother of the groom; Houston Wallace, Jake Wallace, cousins of the groom; Garrett Grigsby, Dalton Wright, Tyler Grigsby, Jack Singletary, Cameron Powell, Kyle Weems, Chase Urban, and Joseph Holt, all friends of the groom.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumley and floral designer was Heather Sherrill. Music for the ceremony and entertainment for the reception was all provided by Universal Sound. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet, the wedding cake was made by Lana Copeland, and the groom's cake was provided by friends of the groom's family. AlphaLit Huntsville also provided services. Hair stylist was Susan Blasingame and makeup artist was Corey Nichols of Makeup by Corey. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture and videographer was Awaken Films.

After a honeymoon at Sandals Resort in St. Lucia, the couple is now residing in Coralville, Iowa, where the groom is in his second year of dental school at The University of Iowa.

Photos by Create Portraiture





*Fowler,
Davenport*



“We first met on Tinder in 2017. After our first date, after several months of texting back and forth, I thought Matthew didn’t like me very much, so I ended up dating another guy for a year. In early 2019, after I was single again, I started popping up on Matthew’s “people you may know” on Facebook. Matthew noticed I was single again, but thought it might be weird to message me so out of the blue. However, after I popped up enough times, he took the hint and texted me. After some conversation, he very sweetly asked if I would like to go on a second first date, and, as they say, the rest is history.”

Jessica Noelle Fowler and Matthew Austin Davenport were married October 29, 2022 at 4:00 in the afternoon at Bradford Farm and Venue with Rob Livingston officiating. The reception followed at Bradford Farm.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Paige Fowler of Florence. She is the granddaughter of the late Bobby and Geraldine Fowler of Haleyville, the late Patty Farris of Sheffield, and Glendon and Debra Farris of Florence.

The groom is the son of Tony and Melissa Davenport of Muscle Shoals. He is the grandson of the late Bud and Betty Jo Davenport of Muscle Shoals, and Betty Bailey and the late Dan Bailey, Sr. of Muscle Shoals.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose an ivory mermaid style gown with a soft tulle base, immaculately embroidered in exquisite floral placements that bloomed about the bodice, waist and skirt, which culminated in a gentle scalloped edge. Her matching veil featured exquisite floral details that complemented her dress. She also wore custom dyed plum lace shoes that matched the bridesmaids’ dresses, along with pearls that her grandmother, the late Patty Farris, was gifted for her high school graduation.

Maid of honor was Mackenzie Fowler, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Micaela Kuhn, Andrea Engelthaler, and Ashley Coppock, all friends of the bride. Flower girl was Ellie Davenport, niece of the groom.

Best man was the groom’s father, Tony Davenport. Groomsmen were Brian Davenport, brother of the groom; Dylan Stutts, cousin of the groom; and Jakob Fowler, brother of the bride. Ring bearers were Lawson Ball and Jaxon Coppock, friends of the bride.

Wedding director and floral designer was Heather Sherrill, along with the team at Bradford Farm. Reception entertainment and music for the ceremony was provided by Gus Spears of Universal Event and Production Services. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet, the wedding cake was made by Batter Up Cakes, and the groom’s cake was made by Jill’s Sweet Memories. Hair stylist and make up artist was Alani Brown. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture and videographer was Awaken Films.

A memorial table was set up in the reception space to honor the couple’s grandparents who had passed away.

For their honeymoon, the couple took a Carnival Cruise to Cozumel and Yucatan, Mexico. They are now residing in Mobile.

Photos by Create Portraiture





Kirk, Roberson

Allison Hope Kirk and Hunter Brent Roberson were married May 28, 2022 at 5:00 in the afternoon at Danclay Farms with Pastor Jason Vinson officiating. The reception followed at Danclay Farms.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Judy Kirk. She is the granddaughter of Minerva Allen and the late Henry Allen, and the late Sydney and Mary Kirk.

The groom is the son of Brent and Donna Roberson and Sherri Roberson. He is the grandson of the late Calvin and Judy Cox and the late Richard and Janie Roberson.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a gown and veil from The Something Blue Shoppe.

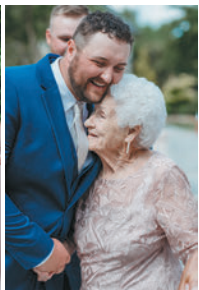
Maid of honor was Hannah Phillips, best friend of the bride, and matron of honor was Katie Kirk Richardson, twin sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Ramsey Roberts and Mallory Kirk, cousins of the bride; Ashley Williams and Gracie Roberson, sisters-in-law of the bride; Emily Horton, Meagan Phillips, and Kameron Roberson, all friends of the bride. Flower girls were Addie Robertson and Leighton Phillips, friends of the couple.

Best man was Austin McCain, life long friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Blake Roberson and Zach Roberson, cousins of the groom; Noah Richardson and Nathan Williams, brothers-in-law of the groom; Kevin Davis, Matthew Eubank, Casey Ball, and Klint McCafferty, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Elijah Eubank, friend of the couple.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumley. Floral designer was Felicia at Muscle Shoals Florist. Music for the ceremony and the reception was provided by Universal Events. The reception was catered by Jeff Burgess Catering. The wedding cake was made by Lindsey Hardeman and the groom's cake was made by Jeff Burgess Catering. Hair stylists were Mandi Beavers and Mellany Lancaster, and make up artists were Mandi Beavers and Abbey McDonald. Photographer was Rebekah Handley and videographer was Al Hammond of Awaken Films.

The couple is now residing in Rogersville.

Photos by Rebekah Photography





King, Lovelady

Autumn King and Wheeler Lovelady were married December 10, 2021 in a 4:00 afternoon ceremony at Camp Creek Weddings and Events with Jack Harris officiating. A foot washing took place for the unity ceremony. The reception followed at Camp Creek.

The bride is the daughter of Misty King of Moulton. She is the granddaughter of Winford Ellis and Donna Lynn King, both deceased.

The groom is the son of Brad Lovelady of Town Creek and Jill Lovelady of Courtland. He is the grandson of Syble Sims and the late Donald Sims of Courtland, and Sue McDowell and the late Jerry Lovelady of Town Creek.

The bride was escorted by her uncle, Bryan King of Moulton. She wore a Madison James gown with custom sleeves and a diamond and pearl veil from Cherry Tree Lane.

Maid of honor was Summer Hall, sister of the bride, and matron of honor was Andrea Knight, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Siresa Osborn, Kirstin Marbutt, Tiffany Cross, all friends of the bride; Jasmine Parker, cousin of the bride; Audra Lovelady and Cortney Lovelady, sisters-in-law of the bride. Junior bridesmaids were Brenlie Jayce and Jacy Marie. Flower girls were Bransyn-Kate and Harper Blake.

Best man was the groom's father, Brad Lovelady. Groomsmen were Luke Lovelady and Hayden Lovelady, brothers of the groom; Brandon Knight, Corey Peters, David "Pucky" Allen, all friends of the groom; and Raycen Sims, cousin of the groom. Ring bearers were Ellison Kyle and Chanden Rhodes.

Wedding director was Karen Hunter. Floral designer was Julia Cole at America's Florist. Catering for the rehearsal dinner was provided by Pink Pig, and the reception was catered by Southern Skillet. The wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Lakin Williamson of The Makery. Entertaining guests at the reception was Dirty South Entertainment. The bride and groom's rings were from Billy Mitchell Jewelry. Hair stylists were Hali Weaver and Julia Hale, and make up artists were Olivia Sparks and Heather Michele. Photographer and videographer was Poppy Leaf Photography. Bridal portraits were taken at Shell's Christmas Tree Farm. A wedding shower was held for the couple at Oliver's Barn.

For their honeymoon, the couple took a train to New Orleans, La., where they stayed at The Mercantile Hotel and Hotel Peter and Paul, and then embarked on a cruise to Mexico. They are now residing in Town Creek.

Photos by Poppy Leaf Photography





Huey, Wynn

Kylie Huey and Zach Wynn were married May 21, 2022 at Bradford Farm & Venue with Scott Benjamin officiating. The reception followed at Bradford Farm.

The bride is the daughter of Jaret and Laura Huey of Arlington, Tenn. She is the granddaughter of Fred and Cynthia Huey of Fischer, Texas, Jim Hamby of Memphis, Tenn., and Fay Duggan of Oakland, Tenn.

The groom is the son of Jeff and Tammara Wynn of Muscle Shoals. He is the grandson of Evelyn Wynn and Linda Kaye Smelley, both of Muscle Shoals.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose a beautiful white gown from Maggie Louise Bridal in Memphis, Tenn.

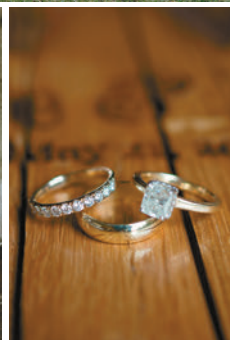
Maid of honor was Kayden Huey, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Zoe Wynn, Mary Margaret Borden, Sara Grace Simmons, Kayla Thornton, Katelyn Colvin, Kylea McCay, and Paige Porter. Flower girls were Stella Jane Simmons, friend of the bride, and Presley June Huey, niece of the bride.

Best men were the groom's father, Jeff Wynn, and best friend, Seth Thornton. Groomsmen were Chandler Simmons, Austin Brown, Austin Andrews, Nick Deluna, Sam Hollingsworth, and Colton McCay. Ring bearer was Pace Huey, nephew of the bride.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumley. Floral designer was Bradford Farm. Ceremony music and reception entertainment were provided by Gus Spears of Universal Event & Production Services. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet, and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Stacie Oliver C & C. Hair stylist was Rachael Patterson and make up artist was Faith Ezell of Blushing Bride Artistry. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture, and videographer was Awaken Films.

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





Heuszel,
Hines



Alida Heuszel and Trevor Hines were married June 25, 2022 in a 6:00 evening ceremony at Lofty Hitchens in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. with Greg Dial officiating, and a reception following.

The bride is the daughter of Alinda Heuszel and Jamie and Regan Heuszel, all of Greenhill.

The groom is the son of Tammy and Neal Harvey of Rogersville and the late Marlin Hines. He is the grandson of Leon Kennedy and Leon and Shirley Hines, all of Greenhill.

The bride chose a beautiful full length lace gown with matching veil from Promenade in Tusculumbia. The rings were purchased from Jamie Hood Jewelers.

Maid of honor was Aubree Heuszel, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Karlie Turner, Caleigh Wallace, Breanna Tarpley, KK White, Cassie Dean, and Caitlyn Grigsby. Flower girl was Kallie Fleming, cousin of the groom.

Best man was the groom's step-father, Neal Harvey. Groomsmen were Colt Harrison, Ben Mansell, Richard Shaw, Cory Smith, Chandler Harper, and Justin Tingle.

Wedding directors were Sandra Swiger, along and Justin Myrick, who was the floral designer. Music for the ceremony was provided by Collin Burks. The reception was catered by Raw Hide Barbecue. The wedding cake was made by aunt Alicia Matthews, and the groom's favorite red velvet cake was made by his grandmother, Shirley Hines. Hair stylist and make up artist was Mandi Beavers. Photographer was Kristin Newton of Images by Kristin Newton, and videographer was Awaken Films.

After a honeymoon at Henderson Beach Resort in Destin, Fla., the couple is now residing in Greenhill.

Photos by Images by Kristin Newton



Statom, Holderfield





Megan Lynn Statom and Turner Hudson Holderfield were married April 2, 2022 at 5:00 in the afternoon at the Statom Family Lakehouse in Waterloo with Pastor Jeremy Sanderson officiating. The reception was held at the lake house following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Josh and Tracy Statom of Cloverdale. She is the granddaughter of the late J.P. and Alice Statom of Cloverdale, Jo and Tommy Burcham of Muscle Shoals, and the late Walter.

The groom is the son of Boyce and Kaye Holderfield of Florence. He is the grandson of Robert and Alice Holderfield and June Jones and the late Leldon Jones, all of Florence.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a beautiful off shoulder white gown with matching veil from The Something Blue Shoppe.

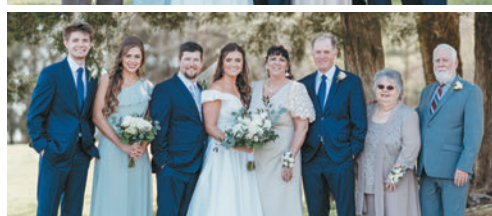
Maid of honor was Morgan Statom, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mary Beth Beavers, Erika Berry, Alisha Glover, and Sarah Dunn.

Best man was the groom's father, Boyce Holderfield. Groomsmen were Tripp Holderfield, Billy Williamson, Phillip Price, Drew Brown, and Nathan Bain.

Wedding director was Terri Brown of Kiss the Bride and floral designer was Will and Dee's Florist. Music for the ceremony and entertainment at the reception was provided by Lavale and Sonya Cooper. The reception tent and rentals were provided by Party Pros. Jill's Sweet Memories catered the reception and made the wedding cake and groom's cake. Hair stylist and make up artist was Mandi Beavers. Photographer was Rebekah Handley of Rebekah Photography and videographer was Kyo Productions. The couple's rings were purchased from Creative Jewelers. The groom and groomsmen's suits were from Coats Clothing Company. The antique car was provided by Bill Lovelace.

After a honeymoon at Sandals Resort in Whitehouse, Jamaica, the couple is now residing in Cloverdale.

Photos by Rebekah Photography





Hanback, Anderson

Kyndall Hanback and Dj Anderson were married October 8, 2022 at Owl's Landing in Killen with Joshua Mahers officiating. The reception followed at Owl's Landing.

The bride is the daughter of Steven and Lisa Hanback. She is the granddaughter of Bonnie Olive and the late Danny Olive, and Annie Gibson.

The groom is the son of Dermane Anderson and Tammy McDugald, Aisha Patterson, and Deborah and Fred Childs. He is the grandson of Leo and Paulette Anderson, Shelley and David McDugard, and Gloria Pryor.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a beautiful off the shoulder style gown from Promenade.

Maids of honor were Kayleigh Hanback, sister of the bride, and Maddie Davis, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Katlin Bretherick, Grace DesRuisseaux, Cassie Dean, Lindsey Killen, all friends of the bride; Savanna Hanback, Madilyn Hanback, Annaleece Olive, Sydney Holden, all cousins of the bride; Erica McDugald and Dominique McDugald, sisters of the groom. Junior bridesmaids were Erika Holiday and Olivea Holiday, cousins of the bride. Flower girls were Ava McDugald, MaRiyah Miles, and Kaylana Eatmon, nieces of the bride and groom.

Best men were Aaron McDugald, brother of the groom, and Kyle Hanback, brother of the bride. Junior best man was Junior Vaughn, special friend of the couple, and Teddy, the couple's dog. Groomsmen were Alex McDugald and Isaac Childs, brothers of the groom; Brock Hanback, Mason Hanback, Ashton Olive, Tee Whatley, Carter Brown, Tucker English, Jordan Flack, and Logan Hanback, all friends of the groom. Ring bearers were K'vion Smith, Aiden McDugald, Demarcus Miles, and Romeo McDugald, nephews of the bride and groom.

Floral designer and decorator was Justin Myrick. Ceremony and reception music was provided by Shawn Nix. The cakes were made by Pattie Owens Rainey. Other special helpers were Debbie Thornton and Steve Curtis. Bridal hair stylist was Ashley Cassel, make up artist was Savana Vinson, and nail technician was Ashton Brooke Ray. The bridal party and mother of the bride dresses were from JJ's House. The bridesmaids' hair stylist and make up artist was Relook Artistry. Photographer and videographer was Laneishia Maxwell's team at Max Designs.

After a honeymoon in Florida, the couple is now residing in Killen.

The Bride's grandfather, also known as poppa, was so excited for her wedding day. She was his princess and he was her best friend, and he absolutely loved Dj. Unfortunately he never made it to the wedding day. He passed away in the loving arms of the Bride and his family 9 months before the wedding. Her poppa meant so much to her and he was so excited to be there on her special day. She wanted to honor him at her wedding and to do so her grandmother sewed a piece of his blue button up into her dress as her something blue, her grandmother also carried his photo down the aisle, they stood at the front before the ceremony began holding his photo and played the song "The Other Side" by Lauren Alaina and dedicated it to him, had a table dedicated to his memory, and had Elvis cookies and pecan pies for him. He even sent a rainbow during the family photos with his picture. We all know he was there on this very special day.

Photos by Max Designs



*Perry,
Martin*



Hannah Grace Perry and Preston Alan Martin were married March 26, 2022 in a 6:00 evening ceremony at Harvest Hollow Farm & Venue in Toney with Bro. Bobby Strickland officiating. The reception followed at Harvest Hollow.

The bride is the daughter of Barry and Melissa Perry of Killen. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Cortez Perry of Killen, Mrs. Carolyn Austin of Killen, and the late Mr. James V. Austin of Florence.

The groom is the son of Roger and Tammy Martin of Athens. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Martin of Athens, the late Mrs. Faye Nolen of Mount Hope, and Mr. Leonard Nolen of Mount Hope.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore an Allure Courture gown with a sheer illusion netting, topped with beaded appliques for a truly stunning scalloped train. Completing the look was a Giselle Bridal veil, finger-tip in length, with crystall beading.

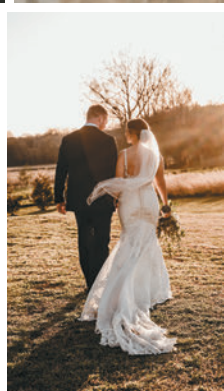
Matrons of honor were Makenzie Holley Edwards and Mallory Phillips, friends of the bride, and Heather Steele Perry, sister-in-law of the bride. Bridesmaids were Paige Evans, sister of the groom; Darby Rainey, Kelsey Montgomery, Courtney Smith, and Rachael Patterson, all friends of the bride. Flower girls were Emalia Seay and Ryann Pearcy, friends of the bride.

Best man was William Phillips, best friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Taylor Perry, brother of the bride; Joel Evans, brother-in-law of the groom; Benjamin McNatt, Christopher Miller, Zach Wittmuss, Drew Blakely, and Parker McCurry, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Hudsyn Perry, cousin of the bride.

Wedding director was Kelli Whitehead Brown and floral designer was Cindy Harrison. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by Lavale and Sonya Cooper of C&C Music Entertainment. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet, and Lana Copeland made the wedding cake and groom's cake. Hair stylist was Madison Hicks, and make up artist was Faith Ezzell of Blushing Bride Artistry. Photographer was Jenna Perry of Love + Bloom Studio, and videographer was Al Hammond of Awaken Films. The bridal party wore black velvet criss-cross gowns from Revelry and the groom and groomsmen wore suits from Coats Clothing. Bridal portraits were taken at Cheekwood Botanical Gardens in Nashville, Tenn., and engagement photos were taken at the Dismals Canyon in Spruce Pine.

For their honeymoon, the couple took a cruise to the Bahamas and Amber Cove. They are now residing in Athens.

Photos by Love + Bloom Studio





Heimberg, Lacey

"My husband and I met through family friends and were together three years before we said "I Do!" We are truly best friends and could not imagine life without one another. Our engagement was so special because our beautiful niece Rylan got to play a part in helping her Uncle Stephen ask for my hand in marriage. After a night out to dinner at 360 Grille, we went to visit and she was wearing a onesie that said "Will You Marry Uncle Stephen?" After reading it, I turned around and my sweet husband was on one knee. I took to planning our wedding quickly and I will say that is one of my best pieces of advice. I booked our Venue, Caterer, Photographer, Videographer, and DJ within two weeks. It made the whole wedding planning process flow smoother with all of the bigger stuff booked shortly after we became engaged.

We ordered our Save The Dates and Wedding Invitations from Truly Engaging by Magnet Street. I was able to create and design the invitations on my own and this made it even more special. Our Save The Dates were magnetic and almost a year later we still go in family and friends' homes to find them up on their fridge.

One of our most favorite memories of our special day was our "Sparkler Send Off". Our DJ, Chad Burdine, asked for a list of our favorite songs during the Wedding Planning Process. We gave him a list and marked one song as our most favorite. He kept this in mind and made sure to save it as the last song of the night. As we lined up in front of our family and friends for our send off, we heard the beginning beat of the song and we both lit up with excitement. Whenever I think back on our day, this one memory always makes me giggle. I highly recommend picking vendors -that get to know you and strive to make your big day the BEST DAY OF YOUR LIFE!

My advice for your big day is to not stress, have fun, and soak in every single moment because the day will fly by. Trust in your friends, family, and vendors that have worked so hard to make your big day so special and everything else will fall into place."

Ashley Heimberg and Stephen Lacey were married May 7, 2022 in a 5:00 afternoon ceremony held at Pickett Place with Thomas Thompson officiating. The reception followed at Pickett Place.

The bride is the daughter of Vickie and Joseph Wallace of Muscle Shoals and Edward and Carmen Heimberg of New Lenox, Ill. The groom is the son of Thelan and Janet Lacey of Muscle Shoals and Lynda Carpenter of Bear Creek.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose a beautiful Essence of Australia ivory lace almond gown from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle.

Matron of honor was Valerie Lacey, sister-in-law of the bride. Bridesmaids were Alana Cheek, Lucy Chenault, sisters of the bride; Brianna Coker, Lindsey Robinson, cousins of the bride; Amy Lovelace, Anna Burden, and Ella Jackson, friends of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Ella Blayke Wimberley. Flower girl was Rylan Lacey, niece of the couple.

Best man was the groom's brother, Kevin Lacey. Groomsmen were Thelan Lacey, father of the groom; Randy Cochran, brother of the groom; Caleb Thompson, Van Lawson, Justin Wimberley, Chase Hutcheson, Nathan Rackard, all friends of the groom.

Wedding director was Traci Champion. Floral designer was Cindy Harrison of Florals by Cindy. The reception was catered by Hilltop Diner in Russellville, and Heather Poole with Heather's Cake Creations made the wedding cake and groom's cake. Reception entertainment was provided by Chad Burdine. Hair and make up by Halo Hair Lindsey Robinson in downtown Florence. Photographer was Ashton Willis of Beloved Imagery and videographer was Ace Eaton Designs & Production. Honeymoon planner was Lya Chowning with The Curated Travel Collection.

For their honeymoon, the couple spent a relaxing week at Sandals Negril Resort in Jamaica. They are now residing in Tuscumbia.

Photos by Beloved Imagery





Anderson, Parker

Jasmine Anderson and Timothy Parker were married October 2, 2022 in a 5:00 afternoon ceremony at Bradford Farm in Town Creek with Micah Booth officiating. The reception followed at Bradford Farm.

The bride is the daughter of Krystal and Grant Gamble and the late Orrick Anderson. The groom is the son of Tim Parker and Tallie and Nathern Davis.

The bride was escorted by her mother. She wore a beautiful white gown from The Something Blue Shoppe. She carried a bouquet with a picture charm of her late father.

Matron of honor was Chloe Campbell, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Grace Cummings, Lexia Norris, and McKenzie Beaver, all friends of the bride. Flower girl was Morgan Nix, cousin of the bride.

Best man was Grayson Campbell, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were John Sommer, Zack Case, and Fernando Arguelles-Ramirez, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Grey Anderson, nephew of the bride.

Bradford Farm directed the wedding and designed the flowers. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet and McKenzie Edwards made the wedding cake. Music for the ceremony and entertainment for the reception was provided by Gus Spears of Universal Event & Production Services. Hair stylist was Whitney Butler and make up artist was Corey Nichols. The bride's dress was altered by Urban Altered. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture and videographer was Ace Eaton.

After a honeymoon at Sandals Resort in Jamaica, the couple is now residing in Sheffield.

Photos by Create Portraiture





Boyer, Green

Hollie Michelle Boyer and Luke Edwin Green were married October 15, 2022 in a 6:00 evening ceremony held at the home of the bride's parents in Killen. Jamin Grubbs, family friend of the groom, officiated the ceremony, and the reception followed at the Boyer family home.

The bride is the daughter of David and Kimberly Boyer of Killen. She is the granddaughter of Flora Fields and the late Douglas Fields of Bessemer, and Martha Boyer and the late Jerry Boyer of Pontotoc, MS.

The groom is the son of Timothy and Robyn Green of Mount Olive. He is the grandson of Judy Harp and the late Roger Harp of Gardendale, and Ronald and Patricia Green of Cullman.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose a beautiful white gown from Bella's Bridal and Formal in Birmingham.

Matron of honor was Abby Dahlke, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Lexus Crocker, Samantha Pairrett, MaryBeth Wagner, all friends of the bride, and Caitlyn Riley, cousin of the bride. Flower girls were Presley Gandy and Charlie Dahlke, friends of the bride.

Best men were Tim Green, father of the groom, and Blake Green, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Micah Boyer, brother of the bride; Adam Brown, Brett Cobb, and Andrew Fowler, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Ryder Smith, cousin.

Wedding director was family friend Tanya Beal. Floral designer was Justin Myrick. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by Gus Spears of Universal Event and Production Services. Caterer was Taco Mama, the wedding cake was made by the groom's cousin, Rachel Smith, and for the groom's table there were cookies provided by the bride's aunt, Cindy Ballard. Hair stylists and make up artists were Kayla Gandy and Jennifer Colley of Lavender Bar in Alabaster. Photographer was Madelynn Helm of MG Photographer and videographer was Lauren Roddam of LR Media.

For their honeymoon, the couple stayed at the Excellence Punta Cana Resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. They are now residing in Killen.

Photos by MG Photography





*Booker,
Allen*





Hannah Caroline Booker and Benjamin Kirby Allen were married March 26, 2022 at 5:00 in the afternoon at La Maison Gautier, The Old Place in Gautier, Miss. Officiating was Rev. Tony Pounders of Biloxi First United Methodist Church. A reception was held at La Maison Gautier following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter Mr. and Mrs. Mel Booker of Muscle Shoals. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Melvin Booker, Sr., the late Andrew John Bond, Sr. of Florence, and the late Mrs. Lula Bond Price of Gautier, Miss.

The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. William Allen of Russellville. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William Crittenden Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bascom Kirby.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a ball gown by Justin Alexander, purchased at Low's Bridal in Brinkley, Ark. Toni from Victory Bridal in Florence made the skirt from the original dress into a removable skirt and designed a new dress to attach to the original top. She wore the full dress for the ceremony and removed the overskirt for the reception, along with Bella Belle shoes.

Maid of honor was Blair Christina Booker and matron of honor was Erin Virginia Owen, both sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Cara Elizabeth Allen and Anne Kathryn Allen Olson, sisters-in-law of the bride; Breanna Lee Browning, Bailee Shae Clouch, and Claire Patterson Franks, all friends of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Emily Grey Bond, cousin of the bride. Flower girl was Kora Dallas DeFoor, friend of the bride.

The best man was Emory Grissom Allen, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were George Melvin Booker, III, Andrew James Brackin, Stephen Kyle DeFoor, Randall Keith Mansell, II, Joel Spencer Olson, and Jordan Lee Shirley. Ring bearer was John Parker Bond, cousin.

Wedding coordinator was Jena White Dickerson, and floral designer was Shindig Ocean Springs. Music for the ceremony was provided by Sasha Ferreira and Gulf Coast Strings. Style Entertainment MS, of Columbus, Miss., provided entertainment for the reception. The reception was catered by Scranton's Restaurant and Catering, and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Cheeky Cake Co., Biloxi, Miss. Hair stylist was Maylin Rupert and make up artist was Crissy Cox. Photographer was Kayce Stork of Biloxi, Miss. The bride's mother made the ring bearer pillow and flower girl basket. Cara Allen, one of the bridesmaids, monogrammed the couple's monogram onto a pillow that sat on a couch at the reception. At the ceremony and the reception, the bride's Chinoiserie ginger jars were used to hold most of the florals.

After a honeymoon in Oranjestad, Aruba, the couple are now residing in Florence.



Photos by Kayce Stork Photography



Holden, Meek

Haley Marie Holden and Hunter Keith Meek were married October 2, 2022 in a 4:00 afternoon ceremony held at Ava's Place with Jacob Buter, friend of the couple, officiating. The reception followed at Ava's Place.

The bride is the daughter of Wayne and Caressa Holden of Greenhill. She is the granddaughter of Terry and Brenda Holden of Greenhill, Steve and Janice Holden of Killen, and the late Ricky Truitt.

The groom is the son of Keith and Bridgett Meek of Greenhill. He is the grandson of Doyce Couch of Greenhill, Howard and Sue Spurlock of Greenhill, and the late Marvin and Linda Meek of Florence.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a beautiful gown from Cherry Tree Lane in Florence, with alterations done by Nell Perry.

Matron of honor was Jess Butler, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Sydney Holden, Maddie Davis, Bella White, cousins of the bride; Madison Clements, Hallie Moon Nixon, and Hayleigh Matthews Harrison, all friends of the bride. Flower girls were Katie Rogers, Emma Rogers, and Brooklyn Rogers, cousins of the bride.

Best man was Wesley Wisdom, cousin of the groom. Groomsmen were Houston Meek and Holden Meek, brothers of the groom; Hunter Holden and Hayden Holden, brothers of the bride; Elijah Tidwell and Colt Harrison, friends of the groom.

Wedding director was Dawn Pettus, great-aunt of the bride. The bride designed and arranged the flowers for the event, along with help from Dawn Pettus. Music for the ceremony was provided by DJ Larry Pettus, great-uncle of the bride. The reception was catered by Rawhide Cafe, the wedding cake was from Sam's Club, and Amanda Glasscock made the groom's cake. Hair stylist was Reanna Crunk with Spring Cove Hairstyles, and make up artist was Sarah Pettus Hamm, cousin of the bride. Photographer was Hannah R.B Photography, and videographer was Lyndsey Davis.

The bride would like to give a special thank you to Mr. Kenneth at Ava's Place for all of his help and hard work. *"He is truly so sweet and made sure that everything was perfect for our special day. He has done a great job, and he has such a beautiful venue."*

After a honeymoon at the Maragaritaville Beach House in Key West, Fla., the couple is now residing in Greenhill.



Photos by Hannah R.B Photography



Martin, Tang

Allison Virginia Martin and Philip Jordan Tang were married on October 15, 2022, at 1:00 in the afternoon at Tharptown Baptist Church in Russellville. The reception was also held at Tharptown Baptist Church.

The parents of the bride are Pastor Chip and Melanie Martin and the parents of the groom are Dr. Jordan and Cindy Tang. The grandparents of the bride are Jimmy and Peggy Martin of Leighton and the late Jimmy and Martha Hinton of Northport. The grandparents of the groom are the late Yee-Nga and Dor-Fook Yip Tang of Hong Kong and late Harold and Helen Eastman of Flint, Mich.

The matron of honor was Yusha Neuman and the bridesmaids were Paige Wunrow, Haley Gilley, Christine Martin, and Sheree Martin. The best man was Caleb Reynolds and the groomsmen were Stephen Wunrow, Tyler Thornton, James Allen, and Davis Martin. The flower girl was Hallie Kate Gilley and the ring bearer was Carson Gilley.

The wedding director was Mary Ann Clement and the officiant was Brother Neil Rogers. The ceremony music was provided by the groom's father, Dr. Jordan, on piano and the groom's sister, Paige, on the violin. The congregational hymn "Be Thou My Vision" was led by Christine Martin. During the lighting of the unity candle, "The Swan" by Camille Saint-Saens was played by Dr. Jordan Tang and Paige Wunrow.

The reception was catered by Smokin' Jalapeno and the cake was made by Glenda Colagross. The reception flowers and decor were by Melanie Martin and Peggy Martin. Hair stylist and make up artist for the bridal party was Sophie Hill. The groomsmen's tuxedos were from Men's Warehouse. The bridesmaids' dresses were individually selected. The bridal party florals and arch was by Sunflower Designs and Decor. The bride's wedding gown was from Juanita's Fashions and the beautiful veil was found at a local consignment shop. Photographer was Montana Hester Photography.

The couple honeymooned in Charleston, S.C. and are now residing in Cleveland, Tenn.

How Philip and Allison Met

Arranged marriages are common even today in many parts of the world as the culture lives on even in modern times. Growing up, hearing about an arranged marriage conjured up unpleasant images of potentially having to live with someone in the absence of love and where the unification of body and mind was on a transactional basis, not by choice or desire of the two who would be married. But in the event that God the Father of Lights, from which comes "every good and perfect thing" (Jam 1:17), provides for a man and woman to meet and be joined together in marriage, then would not that be a "perfectly" arranged marriage? The details of how a man and woman meet are not ultimately the item of interest, the miracle does not lie in the joining but in the persevering. Nevertheless, everyone will want to know how we met so we will gladly share. The short of it is that we introduced ourselves on E-Harmony the online dating site and the conversation never ended. Our first date was in Pensacola, Florida, and we would continue to keep in touch long distance and see each other when the opportunity arose. We definitely "hit it off". Now the backstory gets more complex but one oddity is certain, we both dodged finding "the one" while at Union University. Not begrudgingly either, we lovingly poked fun at other couples springing up from Union. What more, eight and ten years after graduation and moving to different states, we still had not discovered one who would be a good match. Neither of us had been in an even somewhat serious relationship before. It was possible that God did not have marriage in our sight at all, but that did not seem to fully be the case. Moving on to an even stranger detail, on the online dating site, we discovered that both of us were Union graduates and we never had met before though it is quite possible we had crossed paths. Interestingly, Philip had heard of me before due to his work in the athletic department. I knew of his sister from afar, though not ever knowing her name, because I remember being impressed at her athleticism in playing ultimate frisbee on the lawn on my way to my dorm. Philip and I lived in the same apartment complex one year and likely studied in the same area at some point. Needless to say, we did not escape from Union's spell. Never laugh or resign to yourself that something will never happen, because it very well might.

Photos by Montana Hester Photography







Alyssa Horton and Ryan Wolke were married October 12, 2022 at 4:30 in the afternoon at San Sophia Overlook in Telluride, Colo. with Minister Ashley from Minister Universal Life Church in Colorado officiating. A reception was held for the couple at Pea Ridge Cattle Farm, the bride's parent's farm, in Red Bay following their return from their honeymoon.

The bride is the daughter of Tony and Lynette Horton of Red Bay, Ala. She is the granddaughter of David and Peggy Tiffin of Red Bay, Ala., the late James Horton of Vina, Ala., and Kaye Horton of Purvis, Miss., and the late Mike and Shirley Oliver of Red Bay, Ala.

The groom is the son of Darren and Jill Wolke and Kathy and Chris Cusick.

The bride wore a classic, timeless, and modern off-shoulder ballgown that featured a luxurious banded off-shoulder neckline detail that wrapped around the back of the gown, adding a flattering texture and echoing modern regality, while a sweetheart dip added an extra touch of femininity. Pockets throughout the box-pleated skirt created luxe texture and volume throughout, while fabric-covered buttons cascaded down the length of the train for a traditional finish. She wore a traditional cathedral veil that extended beyond the train of her dress.

Wedding director was Kristen Rosenbaum with K2 Events in Telluride, Colo. Floral designer for the wedding was Alpine Floral, Inc. in Montrose, Colo., and Russellville Florist & Gifts provided the flowers for the reception. Telluride Strings provided the music for the ceremony. Hair stylist and make up artist for the ceremony was Dallas Sainsbury in Telluride, and for the reception, Lauren Bevis at Shoals Hair Co. in Sheffield styled the bride's hair and Faith Ezzell at Blushing Bride Artistry did the bride's make up. The reception in Red Bay was catered by Emily Hubbard of Southern Heritage Dining in Red Bay, and Creative Cakes in Tupelo, Miss. made the wedding cake and groom's cake. DJ Joshua Hunter of Truth Bomb Entertainment in Killen entertained guests at the reception. Photographer at the wedding was Lisa Marie Wright with Lisa Marie Photography in Telluride, Colo., and Whitney Blake Mobley of Whitney Blake Photography for the reception. Videographer for the wedding was Jason and Daris with Colorado Adventure Weddings.

The couple spent their honeymoon at the all inclusive Sandals South Coast resort in Whitehouse, Jamaica. They are now residing in Mount Juliet, Tenn.

One of my passions in life is traveling, so having a destination wedding was all I had ever dreamed. I wanted my wedding planning as simple and stress free as possible. My idea was to have an intimate bride and groom focused wedding day with the elimination of a bridal party who traditionally help the couple prepare for their wedding day. An added feature of a destination wedding comes with photos of a lifetime with a uniquely beautiful view. From the moment we arrived in Telluride, it was the most peaceful, warming, comforting, and beautiful place I had ever seen in the fall. The fall foliage was at its peak and we were lucky enough to have snowcapped mountains. It made for the most beautiful pictures that I will never get tired of seeing. My wedding ceremony took place at the San Sophia Overlook. This wedding venue sits 10,540 ft in elevation. I will never be able to explain to anyone the feeling that I had having my father walk me down the aisle up on San Sophia Overlook. It was almost a surreal moment, better yet, a surreal day. My photographer took my husband and I on an adventure photoshoot before and after our wedding ceremony. It was truly the most magical day. Two days later, we flew out to Jamaica for our honeymoon where we spent five days. After returning home, we had our reception in Red Bay, Ala. at my parent's farm. We got to celebrate with extended family and close friends. The farm holds such a special place in my heart and I am so thankful and blessed to have had so many friends and family that were able to celebrate with us there.

Photos by Lisa Marie Photography and Whitney Blake Photography





Orr, Staggs

Taylor Anne Orr and John Claude Staggs were married January 1, 2022 at 3:00 in the afternoon at The Owl's Landing with Chad Hess, pastor at Woodmont Baptist Church, officiating. A reception followed at The Owl's Landing.

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Linda Orr of Florence. She is the granddaughter of the late Clyde and Bettye Orr of Florence, and the late TH and Annie Dabbs of Sheffield.

The groom is the son of John and Paula Staggs of Leighton. He is the grandson of Joan Staggs of Sheffield, the late Claude Staggs of Leighton, and Arlin and Pat Greenhill of Russellville.

Maid of honor was Chloe Yancey, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Anna Lea Stewart, Jo Solares, Kaylyn Hinton, Catherine Lambright, Addison Baine, Sara Holcombe, all friends of the bride; and Leslie Staggs, sister of the groom.

Best man was Adam Willis, best friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Cody Berry, Recus Jarmon, Tanner Fisher, Brady Petree, Max Nolen, Kelby Hallmark, Gabe Lawler, all friends of the groom; and Steven Orr, brother of the bride. Ring bearer was Winston Staggs, son of the bride and groom.

Wedding director and floral designer was Dawn Pettus. The reception was catered by Rick's Barbecue and Dawn Pettus made the wedding cake and groom's cake. The bride's gown was purchased from The Something Blue Shoppe. Hair stylist was Celee Beth Powers of Parlor 217, and make up artist was Savana Vinson. Photographer was MaKayla Lindsay.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Denver, Colo., where they stayed at the Gaylord Hotel. They are now residing in Sheffield.

"A special thank you to everyone that hosted my bridal shower. We appreciate the love and gifts so much! We also want to thank everyone that attended our big day and made it the best. Thank you!"

Photos by MaKayla Lindsay





Swinney, Sweeney

Abby Danielle Swinney and John Derek Sweeney were married January 22, 2022 at Danclay Farms with Jim Poss officiating. The reception followed at Danclay Farms.

The bride is the daughter of Ryan and Tina Swinney of Phil Campbell. She is the granddaughter of Bobby Jack and Nell Swinney of Phil Campbell, and Jill Williams and the late Steve Williams of Hackleburg.

The groom is the son of Corbet and Lisa Sweeney of Hackleburg and the late Stacy Palmer of Hamilton. He is the grandson of the late Jack and Wilma Sweeney of Hackleburg, and Don and Jeanette Moore of Hamilton.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose a beautiful white long-sleeved gown with a matching veil from Kathleen's Bridal.

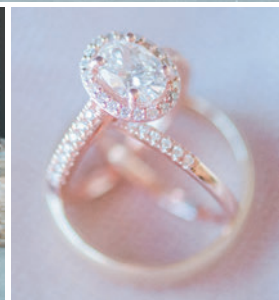
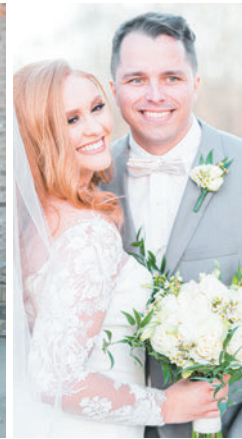
Maid of honor was Kaylee Allen, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Julianna Taylor, cousin of the bride; Caitlan Swinney, sister-in-law of the bride; Katie Depoyster, Sarah Henry, Tamara Langham, and Bayleigh Price, all friends of the bride. Flower girls were Hannah Beth Robinson, Cate Robinson, and Kingzlee Poss.


Best man was Casey Sweeney, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Andrew Mills, Rocklin Brumley, Mark Davis, Mason Willis, and Lawrence Butts, all friends of the groom; and Chase Swinney, brother of the bride. Ring bearer was John Terry Robinson.

Wedding director was Selena Jackson, and floral designer was Cindy Harrison of Florals by Cindy. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet and the wedding cake was made by Andrea Hutcheson. DJ Shea Madden provided the reception entertainment. The couple's wedding rings were purchased from Artistic Jewelry & Repair, Inc. The groom's and groomsmen's suits were from Coats Clothing Co. Hair stylist was Madison Hicks and make up artist was Faith Ezzell. Photographer was Keelon Walker and videographer was Ace Eaton.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Gatlinburg, Tenn., and are now residing in Russellville.

Photos by Keelon Walker Photography





Here by the Joshua Tree
We can hear a heart or a tree beat;
We can see a heart's true leaf

We can walk to that there horizon, or
We can stand together and watch a heart tree grow
Here on this mortal plateau

It don't matter if these old bags of bones
Go
Beyond
Beside or
Into that there horizon:

Hearts joined here, now,
Beat in time to
Eternity's ever-bloomin' pulse

R.E.B.

*Larkin,
Landis*





Olivia Michelle Larkin and Brandon Kyle Landis were married November 29, 2022 at 3:00 in the afternoon in an outdoor ceremony held at Hidden Valley Nature Trail in Joshua Tree National Park, Joshua Tree, Calif. Officiating was Russ Barnwell, longtime friend and undergraduate classmate of the bride. A poem written by Russ was used during the ceremony. A reception was held for the couple on December 3, 2022 at Pickett on Court in Florence.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Jill Larkin of Florence. She is the granddaughter of the late Larry and Janice Larkin and Myra Gray and the late Fred Gray, all of Florence.

The groom is the son of Robbie and Connie Landis of Florence. He is the grandson of Robert Landis and the late Alice Landis of Sheffield, and Ann Reynolds and the late WO Reynolds of Florence.

The bride's dress was Caine by Rue de Seine, purchased at The Dress Theory in Nashville, Tenn.

Wedding director was Terri Brown. Vendors for the ceremony at Joshua Tree were floral designer Cactus Flower Florist, caterer Let's Feast Premium Catering, hair stylist and make up artist Wendy Anne Co., photographer Milly Baine of The Rose Reflective, and lodging Sunny Vista Mars Garden. Vendors for the reception in Florence were floral designer Marla Davenport, caterer Jill's Sweet Memories, who also made the wedding cake and groom's cake, the band Separate Check entertained the reception guests, hair stylist Danielle Hale, make up artist Trinity Rivers, and photographer Hanna Taylor Photography. Live wedding painter was Meredith Bogardus. Beverages were provided by Doozy's Fine Wine, Spirits and Ale, and bartender was Emilie Burke of Dixie Em's. The couple left the reception in a 1939 Chevrolet restored by the bride's grandfather, Fred Gray.

A celebration dinner was held for the couple on December 2, 2022 at The Stricklin Building in Florence, with food by Smokin' Jalapeno.

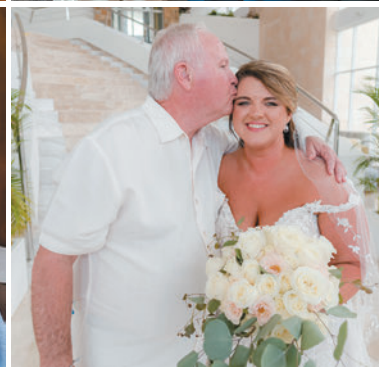
The couple did not take a honeymoon trip, but feel as if they are going on a life honeymoon - they have moved to St. George's, on the Caribbean island of Grenada in the West Indies.

Photos by The Rose Reflective and Hanna Taylor Photography



*Montgomery,
Dean*





"Charles and I chose to have a small intimate destination wedding and honeymoon at Majestic Elegance Costa Mujeres Resort in Cancun, Mexico. The resort arranged all of our bridal needs and took extra care of us on our big day. Our wedding was perfect! The beach gazebo location was breathtaking"

Alicia Montgomery and Charles Dean were married May 27, 2022 at 3:00 in the afternoon in a beautiful beachside ceremony under the gazebo at the Majestic Elegance Costa Mujeres Resort in Cancun, Mexico, with Maria Gomez officiating. The reception followed at Don Jaime Steakhouse.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Lisa Montgomery of Florence. She is the granddaughter of the late Glen and Geneva Woods of Florence and the late Alvin and Kathleen Montgomery of Cloverdale.

The groom is the son of the late Jimmy and Cheryl Dean. He is the grandson of the late David and Miritza Hamilton.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a beautiful Lillian West gown from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle.

Maid of honor was the bride's daughter, Ensley Montgomery.

Wedding director was Maria Gomez. The flowers and wedding cake were provided by the resort. Hair stylist and make up artist was Blossom Spa. The groom's attire was purchased from Coats Clothing in Florence. Photographer was Love and Vows by Kai. Travel agent was Kimberly Mann of Two Sisters Travel.

After their wedding and honeymoon in Cancun, the couple is now residing in Florence.

Photos by Love and Vows by Kai



*Greenhill,
Brown*





Delaney Marie Greenhill and Tye Parker Brown were married October 15, 2022 at 5:00 in the afternoon The Lakes Venue in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. with Kyle Brown, father of the groom, officiating. The reception followed at The Lakes.

The bride is the daughter of Greg Greenhill and Tara Greenhill of Killen. The groom is the son of Kyle and Patrice Brown of Tuscumbia.

The bride chose a beautiful Private Collection gown from Cherry Tree Lane in Florence. The ivory, crepe gown featured a one shoulder bodice with a detachable bow on the shoulder, as well as a slit skirt. The gown was perfectly paired with a matching veil from Giselle Bridal, also purchased from Cherry Tree Lane. The bride wore her grandmother's engagement ring she was gifted as her something old. Her something borrowed was her mother's earrings that were worn at her parent's wedding. Her something blue was her aunt Tammie, who has been like a second mom her entire life.

Maid of honor was Meghan Clemmons, best friend of the bride, and matron of honor was Kelby Barclay, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Ellie Greenhill, sister of the bride; Kathryn Robinson and Tessa Hughes, friends of the bride; and Anna Beahm, sister of the groom. Flower girls were Emma Kollins Barclay, niece of the bride, and Luna Moon, cousin of the groom.

Best man was Garrison Dooley, best friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Noah Hunt, Christian Poag, John David Lawler, Andrew Moore, and David Craft, all friends of the groom.

Wedding director was Kelli Brown. Floral designer was Cindy Harrison. Alabama Wedding Strings performed the music for the ceremony, and Excel Event Specialists provided the entertainment for the reception. Hair stylist was Mandi Beavers and make up artists were Mandi Beavers and Corey Nichols. Photographer was Holley Grimes and videographer was Hunter Nicholson.

The bridesmaids wore beautiful cinnamon rose and desert rose colors, purchased from Revelry. The groom and groomsmen wore sand brunswick suits by Allure Men from Cherry Tree Lane. The flower girl's dresses were also from Cherry Tree Lane. Engagement and wedding rings were from Grogan Jewelers by Lon.

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

Photos by Holley Grimes





*Holland,
Lindsey*



MaKayla Holland and Phillip Lindsey were married February 22, 2022 in a 5:30 afternoon ceremony at GAS Design Center with Mr. Larry Davenport officiating. The reception followed at GAS.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Renae Holland of Tuscumbia, and the granddaughter of Sue Richardson of Sheffield. The groom is the son of Rhonda Lindsey of Muscle Shoals.

Maid of honor was Jasmine Sherman, best friend of the bride, and matron of honor was Michelle Yerbey, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Maranda Holland, Maria Holland, and Myeisha Holland, sisters of the bride; Olivia Howard, Rebekah Malone, Shannon Plante, Abby Richardson, Jena Roberts, Taylor Staggs, and Nikole Thompkins, all friends of the bride; and Victoria Johnson, sister of the bride. Junior bridesmaids were Matilda Holland, sister of the bride, and Kenzie-Leigh yerbey, niece of the bride. Flower girl was Amiah Lindsey, niece of the groom.

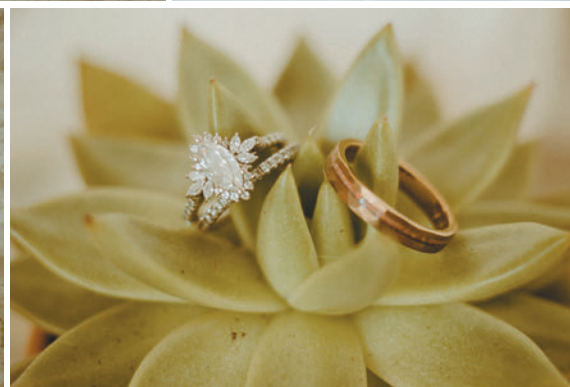
Best man was Isaac Franks, best friend of the groom, and best woman was Hannah Phillips, best friend of the groom. Groomspeople were Betty Brooks, Ashley Cifuentes, Brenda Moreno, Victoria Stevens, Annmarie Strickland, and Austin Pugh, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Orlando Holland, brother of the bride. Ushers were MacArthur Holland, brother of the bride; EJ Powell, friend of the couple; and Jacolbi Johnson, Jr., nephew of the bride.

Wedding director was Hannah Bradford. Floral designer was Eucca Florals. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by EJ Powell. The reception was catered by McDonald's, and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Tara Warpup of Cakes A Lot. Hair stylists were Sha'Myia Butler of Significant Beauty and Jasmine Sherman. Make up artist was Malik's Artistry. Photographer was Holley Grimes.

The couple had a bubble exit. They both wore sweat suits with matching sneakers.

The couple is now residing in Tuscumbia.

Photos by Holley Grimes



White, Hill





Ashley Camille White and Joshua Bain Hill were married October 22, 2022 in a 4:00 afternoon ceremony at Danclay Farms with Bro. Stan Pruitt officiating. The reception followed at Danclay Farms.

The bride is the daughter of Nancy White and the late Larry White of Florence. She is the granddaughter of V.W. and Earlene Grisham of Iuka, Miss.

The groom is the son of Steve and Rhonda Hill of St. Florian. He is the grandson of Liz Hill and the late Billy Ray Hill and the late Bill and Alice Bain, all of Florence.

Matron of honor was Lauren Pruitt, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Olivia Bauman, Rylee Akers, Mollie Beth Osborn, and Whitney Huber, all friends of the bride. Flower girl was Archie White, niece of the bride.

Best man was the groom's brother, Jaret Hill. Groomsmen were Jon Hill, brother of the groom; Trey Howard, Josh Rumph, and Philip Williams, all friends of the groom. Ring bearers were Tatum Pruitt, Eli Pruitt, and Arlo White, nephews of the bride.

Program attendants were Cassidy Beck and Erin Wright, friends of the bride and groom.

After a honeymoon trip to the Hawaiian Islands of Oahu, Hawai'i, and Maui, the couple is now residing in Huntsville.

"A special thank you to all of our family and friends that helped make this day so special for us. We love you all."

Photos by Tina Higgins of Twenty Oaks Photography







McAdams, Green

Brooke McAdams and Daniel Green were married May 21, 2022 at First Baptist Church, Florence with Scott Underwood officiating. The reception was held at Sweetwater Depot following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Gregg and Dr. Cindy McAdams. She is the granddaughter of David and Betty McCutchen of Madison.

The groom is the son of Danny and Monica Green. He is the grandson of Norman and Elaine Green of Jackson, and Charles and Marcia Turner of Citronelle.

Maid of honor was Lauren McAdams, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Heather McAdams, sister of the bride; Mary Coker Green, sister of the groom; Callie Olinger, Kayla Soli, Hannah Benson, Renae Blasingame, McKenzie Nowin, and Samantha Thorne, all friends of the bride. Flower girls were Izzie Waldron and Josie Hicks, cousins of the groom.

The groom chose his father, Danny Green, to be his best man. Groomsmen were Taylor Hicks and Slade Turner, cousins of the groom; Jake Statom, Ethan Grimes, Josh Corbin, Andrew Mashburn, Jacob Mishalanie, and Mark Lowery, all friends of the groom. Ring bearers were Luke Daniels, friend of the groom, and Cian Ragan, cousin of the groom.

Wedding director was family friend Kristen Richardson. Floral designer was Kim Laeupple of The Tailored Tulip. Ceremony music was provided by Janie Wallace and Andy Thompson. Catering was provided by Becky Hartley, the wedding cake was purchased from Publix, and the groom's cake was made by Marcia Turner. Reception entertainment was provided by DJ Will Stutts. Photographer was MaLeah Hibbet.

For their honeymoon, the couple spent time in Asheville, N.C. and Hilton Head, S.C. They are now residing in Florence.

Photos by MaLeah Hibbett Photography





Moon, Carter

Phoebe Moon and Austin Scott Carter were married May 14, 2022 at 6:30 in the evening at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at the Shoals. Michael Roberts officiated the ceremony, and reception followed at RTJ.

The bride is the daughter of Daryl and Rebecca Moon of Muscle Shoals. The groom is the son of Cassie Davis and the late Chris Carter. He is the grandson of Michelle Stout, and Gail Carter and the late Scotty Carter.

The bride chose a beautiful white gown from Bella's Bridal and Formal, with earrings from Cherry Tree Lane.

Maid of honor was Cele Moon, sister of the bride, and matron of honor was Chelsea Hanback, aunt-in-law of the bride. Best men were William Chandler and Gannon Langlely, best friend and brother of the groom.

Wedding director was Kelli Brown. Floral designer was Cindy Harrison. The reception was catered by Robert Trent Jones of the Shoals, and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Sugar Bakers. The band Dixie Mafia entertained guests at the reception. Hair stylist was Lauren Bevis and make up artist was Caitlyn Hadaway. Photographer was Rebekah Bevis Handley and videographer was Ace Eaton.

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

Me and Austin are high school sweethearts. We both attended Wilson High School, where we started dating in tenth grade. Over the years, we have had the privilege to watch each other grow. It has been the best years of my life, and I am beyond grateful that God handpicked a man like Austin for me.

Our wedding was the most magical day and was spent with all of our family and friends. We cannot express how thankful we are for everyone who was a part of our special day! Here is to the beginning of forever!

Photos by Rebekah Photography



Thornton, Hatton

Taylor Thornton and Sawyer Hatton chose October 8, 2022 for their wedding at Camp Creek Wedding and Events in Killen. Jerry Marlow officiated the ceremony and the reception followed at Camp Creek.

The bride is the daughter of Tim and Marsha Thornton of Rogersville. She is the granddaughter of Tom Thornton and the late Ruth Thornton, and Horace Gray and the late Edna Gray.

The groom is the son of Lee and Courtney Hatton of Lexington.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose her gown and veil from The Something Blue Shoppe. She also wore a pearl necklace that was a gift from the groom, along with pearls belonging to her mother.

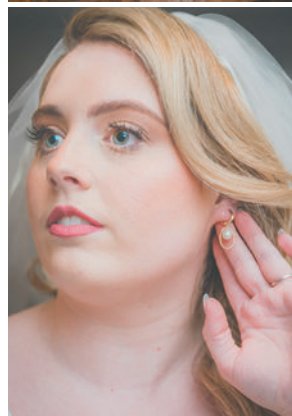
Maid of honor was Karlie Beth Turner, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Megan Stanfield, Macie Dover, Madison Kasmeier, Maddie Calvert, and Jasmine Harville, all friends of the bride. Flower girl was Melia Humphries, family friend of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, Lee Hatton. Groomsmen were Silas Hatton, brother of the groom; Case Thornton and Kyler Thornton, brothers of the bride; Kyle Calvert, Chad Hollingsworth, and Trey Woodard, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Kyler Thornton, brother of the bride.

Wedding coordinator was Hailee Stutts. Floral designer was Mandy Cottrell, Mimi's Decor and More. Music for the ceremony and the reception was provided by DJ Morris Lentz. The reception was catered by Jeff Burgess Catering, and the wedding cake was made by Jennifer Payne of Jenny P's. Hair stylist was Brittany Davis and make up artist was Brooklyn Hamilton of Beauty by Brooklyn. Photographer was Haley Hand Photography.

For their honeymoon, the couple took a road trip to Sweetwater State Park in Georgia, and then to Orlando, Fla. to Universal Studios. They are now residing in Killen.

Photos by Haley Hand Photography





Thompson, Riant

Jenna Thompson and Conner Riant were married May 21, 2022 in a 5:00 afternoon ceremony at Owl's Landing with Brandon Stickland officiating. The reception followed at Owl's Landing.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Lesa Thompson of Killen. She is the granddaughter of Floyd and Glenda Moore of Killen, and the late Howard and Reba Thompson of Greenhill.

The groom is the son of Tim and Teresa May of Killen, LaNita and Stacy Crews of Florence, and the late Mike Riant. He is the grandson of the late Grady and Opal Lewis of Florence, and Betty May of Muscle Shoals.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose a beautiful white gown from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle, with alterations done by Alterations by Faith.

Maid of honor was Abbey Moore. Bridesmaids were Kelly May, Rachel Herring, Alyssa Butler, Brianna Curbow, and Shilaine Hill.

Best men were Jacob Riant and Justin May. Groomsmen were Daniel Thompson, Josh Curbow, Colby Brown, and Tyler Hill. Ring bearers were Brodie Curbow, Brycen Curbow, and Nolan May.

Ceremony music was provided by Fine Era Productions. The reception was catered by Blue Coast Burrito, and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Sweets by Nissi. Hair stylist was Kyla Warden of Textur Salon, and make up artist was Lindsey Wray. Photographer was Liv Anderson Photography.

The couple is now residing in Florence.

Photos by Liv Anderson Photography



Willingham, Lawson

Mallory Willingham and Sam Lawson were married July 16, 2022 in a 4:00 afternoon ceremony held at Leighton Baptist Church with Mark Mayfield officiating. The reception followed at the church.

The bride is the daughter of Phillip and Amy Willingham of Tuscumbia. She is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Glenda Uhlman and Johnnie Willingham and the late Roy Willingham, all of Tuscumbia.

The groom is the son of Chris and Heather Lawson of Killen. He is the grandson of David and Judy Laswon and Tommie and Kathy Turbyfill, all of Killen.

Maid of honor was Brooke Willingham, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Jordan Biddle, cousin of the bride; Allie Knigge, Rachel Hunter, Katie Yarbrough, and Kylee Thomas, all friends of the bride. Flower girls were Aalivia Burns and Ava Claire Battles, cousins of the groom.

Best man was the groom's father, Chris Lawson. Groomsman were Taylor Lawson and Chase Lawson, brothers of the groom; Zach Willingham, brother of the bride; Gil Carter and Zac Nunley, friends of the groom. Ring bearers were Cal Burns and John Sawyer Battles, cousins of the groom.

Wedding director was Kristi Sockwell and floral designer was Carmalita Coan. Music for the ceremony and the reception was provided by Paul Looney. The reception was catered by Stacie Oliver C & C, who also made the wedding cake and groom's cake. Make up artist was Laran Lindholm. Photographer was Ashton Willis of Beloved Imagery and videographer was Ace Eaton.

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



Photos by Beloved Imagery



Reynolds, Young

Chloe Reynolds and Russell Young were married August 27, 2022 at 5:30 in the afternoon at Bradford Farm and Venue with Bro. Adam Hyde officiating. The reception was held at Bradford Farm following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Joey and Jackie Reynolds of Haleyville. She is the granddaughter of Alice Freeman of Jasper and Janette Harbin of Haleyville.

The groom is the son of Johnny and Teresa Young of Florence. He is the grandson of Bill and Alice Massey of Sheffield.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose an Ashley Lauren gown complete with sequin detailing and a five foot train. The bride's make up and hair were inspired by Priscilla Presley's wedding look. Alterations were made to the mother of the bride's dress, and the extra pieces were used as a bow on the bride's bouquet.

The bridesmaids and groomsmen wore a deep shade of navy blue. The men wore traditional bow ties, while the bridesmaids wore off the shoulder dresses complete with shoulder tassels.

Maid of honor was Brooklyn Bice, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Emma Humphres and Kylie Ingram, friends of the bride, and Summer Reynolds, sister of the bride.

Best man was William Massey, cousin of the groom. Groomsmen were Jake Thomas James, Brennen Wimbs, and Austin Wiley, all friends of the groom.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumley and floral designer was Heather Sherrill. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet and Lynn Winters made the wedding cake and groom's cake. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided Gus Spears. Hair stylists and make up artists were Mandi Beavers, Anna Grace Alfaro, and Peyton Dorning. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture and videographer was Ace Eaton Productions.

The couple is now residing in Muscle Shoals.

The bridal shower for the couple took place on June 12 at The Main Event in downtown Haleyville. The rehearsal dinner took place at the venue the night before the wedding, under a pavilion lit up with string lights. It was the perfect time of year for an outdoor seated dinner.

Photos Create Portraiture



Reynolds, Lollar

Jacqueline Summer Reynolds and Ty Gregory Lollar were married May 21, 2022 at 6:00 in the evening at Chapel of Saint Francis, Camp McDowell, Nauvoo, Ala., with Dr. Ron Horton officiating. The reception followed at Doug-Carpenter Hall at Camp McDowell.

The bride is the daughter of Joseph and Jackie Reynolds of Haleyville. She is the granddaughter of Alice Freeman of Jasper and Janette Harbin of Haleyville.

The groom is the son of Shannon and Susan Lollar of Haleyville. He is the grandson of William and Bonita Lollar of Tuscaloosa and Dr. Thomas and Laura Taylor of Florence.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose a beautiful white satin gown from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle.

Maid of honor was Amy Putman, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Taylor Brewer, sister of the groom; Chloe Reynolds, sister of the bride; and Kaitlyn Phillips, friend of the bride. Flower girl was Scarlett Brewer, niece of the groom.

Best man was the groom's father, Shannon Lollar. Groomsmen were Jon Tate Lollar, brother of the groom; Alston Mays and Clint Phillips, friends of the groom.

Wedding director was Mackenzie Parker of Camp McDowell. Floral designer was Ila's Flowers of Jasper. Heath Smith provided music for the ceremony and entertainment for the reception. Camp McDowell provided the catering for the reception and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Lynn Winters. The stationery was from Ledgewood Fine Stationery of Madison. Hair stylist was Jessica Grace at Studio 64 in Jasper, and make up artist was Studio 64. Photographer was April Warhurst. A watercolor painting was done by Claire Frazier.

After a honeymoon at Secrets Maroma Beach Riviera in Cancun, Mexico, the couple is now residing in Opp, Ala.



Photos April Warhurst



Hester, Terry

Baylee Hester and Ty Terry were married October 15, 2022 in a 5:00 afternoon ceremony at Bradford Farm and Venue with Ralph Richey officiating. The reception was also held at Bradford Farm following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Rhonda Hester and the late Joel Hester of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Ann Bevis and the late Edward Bevis of Florence and Sarah Hester and the late Eural Dee Hester of Muscle Shoals.

The groom is the son of Rodney and Lisa Terry of Town Creek. He is the grandson of Gary and Betty Tyree of East Lawrence, and the late Dual and Mary Frances Terry.

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

Maid of honor was Anna Richey and matron of honor was Adrienne Moon, both friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Ashley McCarley, Kiah Haddock, friends of the bride, and Sydney Rogers, sister-in-law of the bride. Bridesman was Tradarrius Buckmon, friend of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, Rodney Terry. Groomsmen were Austin Waldrep, Kyle Hutchinson, Aaron Franks, Armando Perales, and Evan Franks, all friends of the groom.

The invitation suite was created by Hazel and Gray Co. of Muscle Shoals. Floral designer was Heather Sherrill. Music for the ceremony and entertainment for the reception was provided by Gus Spears and Andrew Williamson. Caterer was Southern Skillet and Celena Grant of Homemade by Celena made the wedding cake and groom's cake. Hair stylist was Karli McDonald and make up artist was Kristen Skinner. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture and videographer was Poppy Leaf Weddings.

After the wedding, the couple spent their honeymoon in Charleston, S.C.

Photos by Create Portraiture





Pham, Cao

Nini Nguyen Pham and Hien Duc Cao were married May 21, 2022 at 2:00 in the afternoon at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Florence. Officiating the ceremony was Father Douglas Vu from Birmingham and Father Joseph from St. Joseph Catholic Church in Florence. A reception was held at Ava's Place at 5:00 p.m. the following day, May 22.

The bride is the daughter of Huyen Nguyen and Hoat Pham, both of Florence. The groom is the son of Phat Cao and Nam Nguyen, both of Vietnam.

The bride chose a beautiful Melissa Sweet embroidered illusion mock neck gown with a long train from David's Bridal in Huntsville.

Maid of honor was Anna Kerstiens, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Allison Allen and Hannah Mokulis, friends of the bride. Flower girl was Laney Del Pizzo, friend of the bride.

Best man was Chanh Pham, brother of the bride. Groomsmen were Sid Rivard and Brook Bergman, friends of the groom. Ring bearer was James Pham, son of the bride.

Floral designer was Will and Dee's Florist. The wedding cake was made by Lana Copeland. The bride's mother cooked the food for the reception, including Asian cuisine, Vietnamese food, and some American cuisine. The couple's families helped with all the decorations and food. Truth Bomb Entertainment provided entertainment for the reception. Hair stylist was Celee Powers from Parlor 217 in Florence, and make up artist was Brooklyn Hamilton. Photographer was Jennifer Tidwell and videographer was Morgan White.

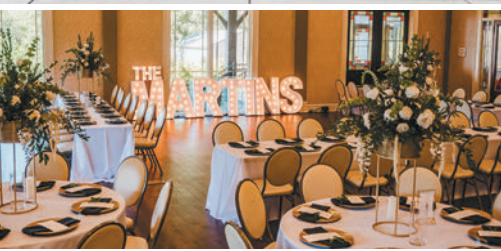
The couple took a delayed honeymoon trip to the East Coast in July. They are now residing in Florence.

"We met in Vietnam in 2018. I was visiting a friend at a fruit shop and saw a very attractive guy working there. I began a conversation with him, asked for his number and social media. After that day, we began talking daily. I knew a couple of months later that he was the one for me."

We had planned our wedding for the summer of 2020, but due to Covid, we had to postpone it until May, 2022. Blue and summer colors were the theme. Our cake was three tier with our initials and bride and groom cake topper. We had a lot of people from out of town and we appreciated each of them so much."

Photos by Jennifer Tidwell





Carly O'Dell and Chase Martin were married September 24, 2022 at 5:00 in the afternoon at Burritt on the Mountain in Huntsville with Pat Driskell officiating. The reception followed at Baron Bluff at Burritt on the Mountain.

The bride is the daughter of Rocky and Anna O'Dell of Rogersville. She is the granddaughter of Shirley Smith and the late Robert Smith of Rogersville, and the late Lyndon and Thelma O'Dell of Town Creek.

The groom is the son of Felecia and Scott Waddell of Killen and Ken and Rebecca Martin of Muscle Shoals. He is the grandson of Wayne and Sue Goodwin of Town Creek and Evelyn Martin and the late Lelton Martin of Courtland.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a custom Colby John Bridal gown with two veils customized into a detachable shoulder wrap and train extension. The gown, veil and the bride's jewelry were all from Kathleen's Bridal.

Matron of honor was Taylor Thigpen, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Caitlin Cash, Sarah Weems, Stephanie Cosby, friends of the bride; Caitlin Martin and Carley Franks, sisters of the groom. Flower girls were Blakely Butler, niece of the groom, Elli Adams and Ruby Thigpen, nieces of the bride.

Best man was Tevin Terrell, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Bryar Terrell, Colby Eddy, Christian Thompson, all friends of the groom; Aaron Franks, brother-in-law of the groom; and Ken Martin, father of the groom. Ring bearers were Rhen Thigpen, nephew of the bride, and Ledger Franks, nephew of the groom.

Wedding director was Denise Ells and floral designer was Shirley Green of Shirley's Flowers. Providing music for the ceremony and entertainment for the reception was Sonya and Lavale Cooper of Lavale Cooper Music Entertainment. The reception was catered by Jill Larkin of Jill's Sweet Memories, and Bridgette Newton of Mimmi B's Delights made the wedding cake and groom's cake. Hair stylist was Mandi Beavers of Revelationz and make up artist was Corey Nichols. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture and videographer was Randy Francisco of Next Stage Media. The bride designed and created all stationary for the event.

The bride and her father took dance lessons six months prior to the wedding to have a choreographed Father/Daughter dance at Dare2Dance in Florence. They did a routine comprised of "The Swing" and ballroom choreography to a mashup of "Dance With My Daughter" by Jason Blaine and "Boogie Nights" by Heatwave.

For their honeymoon, the couple stayed at the all-inclusive Breathless Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. They are now residing in Rogersville.

Photos by Create Portraiture



Cobb, Miller

Alexis Grace Cobb and Nathan Daniel Miller were married in a 6:00 evening ceremony at The Lakes Venue in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. with Bro. Seth Hood officiating. The reception followed at The Lakes.

The bride is the daughter of Justin and Jamie Cobb of Killen. She is the granddaughter of Beth Davis of Florence, William and Becky Hovater of Muscle Shoals, Jeanette and Tony Jones of Muscle Shoals, and Terry Cobb of Littleville.

The groom is the son of Becky Miller of Haleyville and Danny Miller of Addison.

The bride chose a beautiful Stella York gown from Bella's Bridal and Formal in Birmingham, along with a tiara and earrings from Promenade. The groom and groomsmen's attire was also from Promenade.

The bride was attended by her best friend, maid of honor, Heather Adams. Bridesmaids were Brently Smith and Alexia Hovater, aunts of the bride, and Halle Welborn, friend of the bride. Flower girl was Amelia Hovater, niece of the bride.

Best man was Jerrod Cobb, uncle of the bride. Groomsmen were Randy Darby, Derk Bishop, and Drew Parker, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Lennox Fragale, step-brother of the bride.

Floral designer was Country Elegance. Music for the ceremony and entertainment for the reception was provided by Shawn Nix. The reception was catered by Jeff Burgess of 117 Catering, the wedding cake was made by Lana Pritchett Copeland of All About Cake, and the cheesecake bites for the groom's table were made by Monica Gatlin of Lilli O's. Hair stylist and make up artist was Alexia Hovater. Photographer was Kami Whaley.

The couple spent their honeymoon at Couples Swept Away Resort in Negril, Jamaica. They are now residing in Tusculumbia.

Photos by Kami Whaley





Reed, Hulley

Abigail Leigh Reed and Matthew Derek Hulley were married June 11, 2022 at 6:00 in the evening at Creekside at Collier's End. Sandra Haygood, aunt of the bride, officiated the ceremony, that included a knot tying ceremony. A special prayer was given by Rusty Reed, cousin of the bride. The reception followed at Creekside.

The bride is the daughter of Gina Reed and Dwayne Oliver and Michael and Caitlan Reed, all of Huntsville. She is the granddaughter of the late Algje and Sybil Haygood of Florence, and Wayne and Mary Reed of Hazelgreen.

The groom is the son of Phillip and Jenny Hulley of Murfreesboro, Tenn. He is the grandson of Alan and Valerie Wiggins of Johannesburg, South Africa, who attended the wedding.

The bride chose her gown from Kathleen's Bridal. She wore a ring on her right hand that the bride's grandmother gave to the bride's mother when she turned sixteen, and the bride's mother gave to the bride when she turned sixteen.

Maids of honor were Aliyah Reed, sister of the bride, and Kristi Rawlings, friend of the bride. Matron of honor was Caitlin Cash, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Paige Parker, cousin of the bride; Rachel Berry and Katherine Van Lare, friends of the bride. Honorary bridesmaids were Meg Lavin, Sara McClure, Mckenzie Land, all friends of the bride; Shannon Hulley and Megan Kelly, sisters of the groom; and honorary bridesman Champ Holt, friend of the bride.

Best man was Jack Brennan, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Michael Northcraft, Ryan Costelli, and Taylor Bowman, all friends of the groom. Honorary groomsmen were Kevin Burgett, friend of the groom. Ring bearers were Aiden Liam and Nolen Kelly, nephews of the groom.

Wedding director was Terri Brown. Floral designer was Athen's Florist. The reception was catered by Taco Mama, and Edgar's made the wedding cake and groom's cake. Hair stylist was Presley Pullum and make up artist was Alysa Petus. Other special helpers were Julie Parker, aunt of the bride, and the bride's father and the groom's parents. Photographer was Whitney Blake Photography and videographer was Fine Era Productions.

The couple is planning a delayed honeymoon in 2023 on their first anniversary. They are now residing at Ft. Leonard Wood in Saint Robert, Mo.

Photos by Whitney Blake Photography



Lambert, Waddell

Ali Lambert and John Tucker Waddell were married September 10, 2022 at 6:00 in the evening at Danclay Farms with Frank Mills officiating. The reception followed at Danclay Farms.

The bride is the daughter of Russ and Emily Lambert of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Russ and Cathy Lambert and the late Lynn Lambert, and Ellis and Barbara Coats, all of Florence.

The groom is the son of John Waddell and Kim Waddell. He is the grandson of Meredith Gloy and Sally Waddell and the late Laura Waddell of Florence.

The bride chose a gown from The Something Blue Shoppe, along with jewelry from Cherry Tree Lane. The wedding rings were from Jamie Hood Jewelry.

Maid of honor was Lynnsey Beth Lambert, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Laura Ann Pruitt, Sarah Beth Waddell, Mary Rachel Waddell, sisters-in-law of the bride; Maggie Hooie and Madalyn Lambert, cousins of the bride; Lindsey Phillips, Josey Williams, Savanna Phillips, and Abbie Sanders, all friends of the bride. Flower girls were Vivian Mae Holcombe and Paisley Hayse, cousins of the bride, and Margot Gooch, niece of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, John Waddell. Groomsmen were Resse Lamber, brother-in-law of the groom; Ryan Hayse, cousin of the groom; Taylor Spinks, Scott Oakley, Jackson Turner, Jaylen Akin, Christian Martin, Nick Phillips, Avery Moates, and Riley Killen, all friends of the groom. Ring bearers were Ryatt Waddell, nephew of the groom, and Dawson Jones, cousin of the groom.

Wedding director was Brittany Bennefield and floral designer was Cindy Harrison of Florals by Cindy. Music for the ceremony and entertainment for the reception was provided by DJ Chad Burdine. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet and the wedding cake was made by Heathers Creations. Hair stylist and make up artist was Mandi Beavers. The groom's and groomsmen's suits were from Coats Clothing. Photographer was Sydney Lauren Photography and videographer was Awaken Films.

After a honeymoon at the Hyatt Zilara in Cancun, Mexico, the couple is now residing in Muscle Shoals.

Photos by Sydney Lauren Photography





Dison, Brewer

Hannah Dison and Peyton Brewer were married August 20, 2022 at 6:00 in the evening at The Lakes in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. with Zach Darracott officiating. The reception followed at The Lakes.

The bride is the daughter of Brian and Patti Dison of St. Joseph, Tenn. She is the granddaughter of Judy Kennedy and the late Charles Kennedy of Florence, and Jerry Dison and the late Bonnie Dison of Greenhill.

The groom is the son of Lane and Paula Brewer of Killen. He is the grandson of the late William and Dolores Brewer and the late Clifford and Marie Pigg.

The bride chose a white Justin Alexander gown from The Something Blue Shoppe, and a veil by Blanca Veils.

Matron of honor was Haley Franco, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Abby Mattox, Ashley Darracott, Sierra Patterson, cousins of the bride; Chai-ley Brewer and Kelly Brewer, sisters of the groom; Hayleigh Harrison and Lauren Coggin, friends of the bride. Flower girl was Emma Darracott, cousin of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, Lane Brewer. Groomsmen were Nicholas Keenum, Owen Formby, Marcus Haataja, Kyle Springer, Cody Pruett, Cole Blackstock, Braden Tank, all friends of the groom; and Kolton Springer, cousin of the groom. Ring bearers were Benton Springer and Bentley Harden.

Wedding director was Kelli Brown and floral designer was Cindy Harrison. Music for the ceremony was provided by Lavale and Sonya Cooper. The reception was catered by Jill's Sweet Memories and the wedding cake was made by Julie Becker. The cake topper on the couple's wedding cake was first used by the bride's grandparents in 1965 and then by the bride's parents in 1991. Hair stylist was Mandi Beavers and make up artist was Abby Mattox. Photographer was Rebekah Photography and videographer was Ace Eaton. A live painting was done by Mezzy Paintings.

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

Photos by Rebekah Photography



Dison, Franco

Haley Dison and Juan Franco were married June 18, 2022 in a 7:30 evening ceremony held at The Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Savannah, Ga. with Father Andrew Larkin officiating. The reception was held at the DeSoto Hotel following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Brian and Patti Dison of St. Joseph, Tenn. She is the granddaughter of Judy Kennedy and the late Charles Kennedy of Florence, and Jerry Dison and the late Bonnie Dison of Greenhill.

The groom is the son of Juan Franco and Ana Maria Guzman of Miami, Fla. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Guzman and Mrs. and Mrs. Franco, all of Guayaquil, Ecuador.

The bride chose a Daalarna Couture gown from The Carriage House in Mt. Brook, Ala. The veil was designed by Blanca Veils.

Maid of honor was Hannah Dison, sister of the bride, and matron of honor was Alyssa Wilbanks, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Ashley Darracott, Abby Mattox, Sierra Patterson, Maggie Killen, Jessica Wolinsky, Kacey Schwarz, Myriah Archer, and Ana Franco, sister of the groom. Flower girl was Emma Darracott.

Best man was Mateo Díaz, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Cameron Campbell, Rafael Franceschini, Sergio Cremisini, Alexander Del Toral, Dylan Cohen, José Joaquín Franco, and Carlos Alberto Sanchez.

Wedding director was Vanessa Saturday and floral designer was Dawn Pettus. The reception was catered by the DeSoto Hotel and the desserts were made by Savannah Rum Runners Bakery. Hair stylist and make up artist was Royal Makeup & Hair. Photographer and videographer was George Street Photography.

The bride and groom danced their first dance to a song the groom wrote and recorded for the bride. The evening ended with the Hora Loca (Crazy Hour), a Latin American tradition, with entertainment provided by Savannah Cirque and midnight snacks made from recipes from Haley and Juan's grandmothers.

For their honeymoon, the couple went to the Almagre Coast, Rome, Florence, and Venice, Italy. They are now residing in Miami, Fla.

Photos by George Street Photography





Fields, Hammond

Aubrey Fields and Parker Hammond were married November 5, 2022 in a 4:30 afternoon ceremony at Mountain Mist Farm with Ken Link officiating. The reception followed at Mountain Mist Farm.

The bride is the daughter of Keith and Beth Fields of Rogersville. She is the granddaughter of Ray J. Cagle and the late Cathy Cagle of Rogersville, the late June Fields of Killen, and the late Cletus Fields of Pekin, Ill. Honorary grandparents are Donald and Susan Maxwell of Foley.

The groom is the son of Bryan and Kim Hammond of Killen. He is the grandson of Jessie Hammond of Knoxville, Tenn., the late Gennie Hammond of Killen, and Douglas and Shirley Morgan of Lexington.

The bride was escorted by her dad and her son, Jaxon Fields.

Matron of honor was Haley Hunter, sister of the bride. Best man was Chase Kelly, friend of the groom.

Wedding director was Anastasia Lovelady. Floral designer was Melissa Timm Designs. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by DJ Knox Vegas. The reception was catered by Sweet P's BBQ, and the wedding cake was made by Heidi's Home Cooking. Hair stylist was Mari Allen and make up artists were Carley Crowden and Alicia Allen. Photographer was Kylie Harper Box and videographer was Awaken Films.

After a honeymoon in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., the couple is now residing in Rogersville.

Photos by Kylie Brooke Photography



Fields, Hunter

Haley Fields and Brandon Hunter were married April 16, 2022 at 6:00 in the evening at Bradford Farm with Marty Mosley officiating. The reception followed at Bradford Farm.

The bride is the daughter of Keith and Beth Fields of Rogersville. She is the granddaughter of Ray J. Cagle and the late Cathy Cagle of Rogersville, the late June Fields of Killen, and the late Cletus Fields of Pekin, Ill.

The groom is the son of Scott and Vickie Hunter of Muscle Shoals. He is the grandson of Pete and Janice Hunter of Muscle Shoals, and the late Jim and Betty Bianco of Russellville.

For her wedding, the bride chose a beautiful off the shoulder Justin Alexander gown from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle.

Maid of honor was Aubrey Fields, sister of the bride, and matron of honor was Katlyn Saucer, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Halli Hunter, sister of the groom; Haven Pondick, Sydney Thomason, Laken Richardson, Clayton Wesman, Marissa Reagh, Channing Wynne, and Jasmin Curtis, all friends of the bride. Flower girls were Grayli Haddock and Harper Saucer, both friends of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, Scott Hunter. Groomsmen were Adam Hunter, brother of the groom; Trenton Roden, David Rose, Jared Thornton, Gavin McDougal, Caleb Handley, Cameron Handley, Cody Holt, and Blake Fisher, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Jaxon Fields, nephew of the bride.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumley and coordinator was Heather Sherrill, who was also the floral designer. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by Gus Spears. The reception was catered by Southern Skillert, and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Janice Ezell. Hair stylist was Allie Watson and make up artist was Alicia Allen with Marianna Allen assisting. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture and videographer was Awaken Films.

For their honeymoon, the couple went to Disney World. They are now residing in Killen.

Photos by Create Portraiture





Landers, Balentine

Laura Beth Landers and Jeffrey Wayne Balentine were married June 25, 2022 at 6:00 in the evening at Rose Marry Farms in Pulaski, Tenn. with Daniel Rogers officiating. The reception followed at Rose Marry Farms.

The bride is the daughter of Charles "Chuck" Landers and Patricia Cody Landers, both of Killen. She is the granddaughter of Madge Landers and the late Charles Landers, and the late Willie "Bill" and Willie Tee Cody, all of Killen.

The groom is the son of James and Rose Balentine of Lexington and Susan and Joe Miller. He is the grandson of the late Gentry and Frances Lindsey, and Betty Balentine and the late Tollie Balentine, all of Lexington.

The bride chose a Lillian West gown, along with shoes by Betsey Johnson.

Maid of honor was Rebecca Landers, sister of the bride, and matron of honor was Joanie Durham, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Ashley Glover, cousin of the bride, and Hannah Clark, friend of the bride. Flower girl was Danni Kate Durham, friend of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, James Balentine. Groomsmen were Jacob Balentine and Justin Balentine, brothers of the groom. Ring bearers were Callen Glover and Case Glover, cousins of the bride.

Wedding director was Denise Gray. Floral designers were Denise Gray and Diane Jenkins. Ceremony music was provided by Wendell and Misty Dean. The reception was catered by Little Ceasers. The wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Morgan Robertson, and the groom's table featured mechanic cookies made by Haley Evans. Family members of the couple, along with the bride's co-workers, helped with the food and the clean up. Hair stylist was Amanda Justrich and make up artist was Brooklyn Hamilton. Photographer was Be Still Photography and videographer was Awaken Films.

For their honeymoon, the couple spent a week in Destin, Fla. They are now residing in Greenhill.

Photos by Be Still Photography



Ann Leslie Bush and Andrew Copen Childers were married October 22, 2022 at 4:30 in the afternoon at The Givens House at Glenn Hill in Town Creek with Robert Mullen officiating. The reception followed at The Givens House.

The bride is the daughter of Mike Bush and Jennifer Bush of Sheffield. She is the granddaughter of Marcia Bush and the late Earl Bush of Tuscumbia, and the late Thomas and Bobbi Pritchett.

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

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a beautiful white Justin Alexander gown with a long train and a matching veil purchased from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle.

Maid of honor was Rylee Childers, the bride's bonus daughter. Matrons of honor were Sydney Richardson, Brittney Coates, and Summer Reynolds, best friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Samantha Pritchett, cousin of the bride; Ashton Childers and Bailey Childers, sisters-in-law of the bride. Flower girl was Josie Reynolds, friend of the bride.

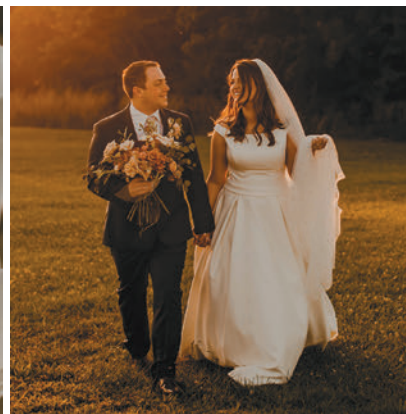
Best man was the groom's brother, Tyson Childers. Groomsmen were Andy Childers, father of the groom; Jesse Campbell, step-father of the groom; Miles Nesbitt, cousin of the groom; Jeremy Reaves, Caleb Mask, and Joe Young, best friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Owen Childers, son of the the bride and groom.

Wedding director was Erica Hiles, and floral designer was Bernice Givens. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by DJ Nate Slaughter. The reception was catered by Jill's Sweet Memories, the wedding cake was made by Bernice Givens, and the groom's cake was made by Coretta Little Smith. Hair stylist was Annabeth Mask and make up artist was Holly Renfrow from HM&U by Holly. Photographer was Sommer Hamilton of Saving Grace Photography, and videographer was EJ Almon.

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

Photos by Saving Grace Photography





Foust, Jarnagin

Hannah Foust and Braden Jarnagin met on a mission trip to Honduras during their time at Harding University. After being friends for years and dating long distance, they were married on May 29, 2022 in a beautiful ceremony and reception at Bradford Farm and Venue with Mark Killen officiating.

Hannah, daughter of Kevin and Jeanne Foust, grew up in Florence, Ala. She is the granddaughter of Ed and Glenda Foust and Helen Hicks and the late Levon Hicks. Braden, son of David and Lisa Jarnagin, is from Cabot, Ark. He is the grandson of William and Rebecca Jarnagin and Jacqueline York and the late Darrell York.

Maid of honor was Abby Foust, the bride's sister, and the bridesmaids were college and hometown best friends and family members Annsley Harriman, Torie Fitzgerald, Susannah Ayers, Morgan Ohrmundt, Mollie Jarnagin, and Anna Kay Clark.

The best man was the groom's hometown best friend, Dylan Ball, and the groomsmen were college roommates and childhood friends Tyler McCallister, Dylan Hendricks, Jonah Williams, and Tristan Bulice. Flower girls and ring bearer were the groom's cousins, Autumn Duhl, Auburn McNeese, and Cameron McNeese. Ushers were the groom's cousins, Colton and Wyatt Gage.

The bride's wedding dress came from Lowe's Bridal in Brinkley, Ark. Her "something borrowed" and "something blue" was a blue handkerchief embroidered with her initials and anniversary, a keepsake shared between the bride's female cousins on their wedding days. Her "something old" was a piece of her mother's and aunt's veil, used within her bouquet.

Wedding vendors included Heather Sherrill (floral designer), SVS Creative (photography), Swearingen Weddings (videography), Telia Johnson Cakes (cake), Southern Skillet (catering), Susie Shortt (violinist), Gus Spears (DJ), Anna Beth Mask (hair), Brooklyn Hamilton (makeup), and Annabelle's (stationery).

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and began their lives together in Little Rock, Ark.

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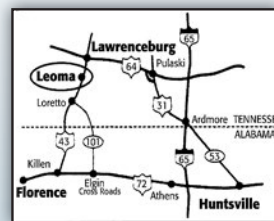


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