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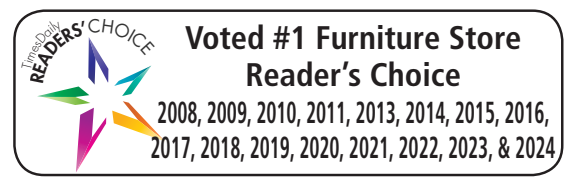
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This year marks the 14th edition of Tennessee Valley Brides Magazine, and as usual, its pages are filled with beautiful brides and their unique celebrations.

While I spoke with each of our featured brides and wedding planning guru Blair Garner, one thing became apparent: there is no one-size-fits-all when it comes to weddings.

Instead of celebrating the uniqueness of every celebration of marriage, brides are often stuck in a wedding planning box where they are told that their plans and celebration should fit a particular mold.

In these pages, we chose to highlight four brides in different phases of life who had different wedding preferences.

Megan Beavers eloped soon after her in-air engagement. She and her now-husband wanted the day to be private and focused on their love. She shared her story of planning on the go and exchanging vows in 8 feet of snow.

Abbey Robinson, on the other hand, always knew she wanted a destination wedding. She had no idea how easy some resorts could make the wedding process. While air travel caused some

hiccups along the way, she had the perfect wedding trip with close family and friends. Her resort coordinator even helped find a way to honor her dad, who passed away just a few weeks before her wedding.

Even our more traditional brides made their wedding day special with personal touches that broke the wedding mold.

Sadie Crabtree's ceremony may have broken a record with the number of hydrangeas featured in the décor, and she chose to run toward color, embracing every shade of blue though the color was technically out of season.

Meanwhile, Jessica Hartsell shared encouragement for older brides, providing a peek into a sweet ceremony held in her neighborhood surrounded by family and neighborhood friends.

Once brides decide what sort of ceremony best suits their coming marriage, they can look at Blair's advice on the biggest decision of the planning process: selecting vendors.

Hopefully, brides-to-be can read these brides' stories and feel confident breaking the mold - or choosing the

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

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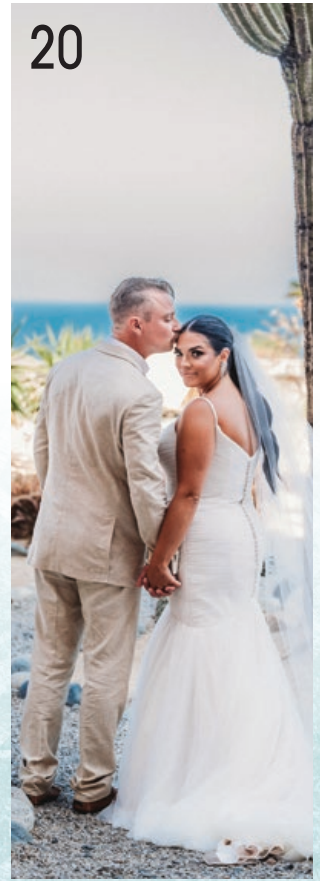
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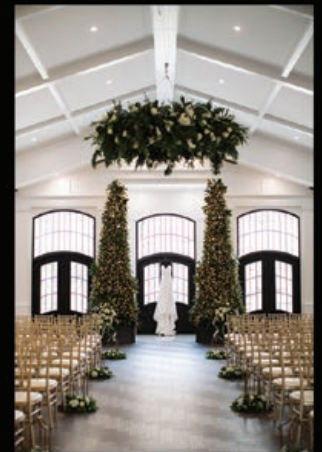
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On their terms

Elopement was the intimate experience the couple desired

Story by **ALYSSA SUTHERLAND**

T Megan and Clay Beavers took a unique approach to every aspect of their wedding, beginning with Clay's unexpected, mid-flight proposal in January.

As soon as the couple's privately chartered flight touched down at the Northwest Alabama Regional Airport in Muscle Shoals, they began considering their wedding plans - or rather the plans they did not want.

"Neither one of us likes being in front of large crowds and talking, and we tend to be shy in those moments," Megan explained. "This is something we decided we wanted to be about us."

Megan and Clay had been married previously - they have three children between them - and attended their fair share of weddings.

They noticed a common thread at those events, which was that the weddings tended to focus on accommodating the guests. While Megan admitted that can be special, she said that the couple was looking for something else.

"We wanted to be able to focus on each other and our love for one another," she said.

As a result, eloping was "a no-brainer." Just two months after the proposal, the pair hopped on another flight to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where they exchanged their vows amidst a snowy landscape.

Thankfully, Megan said that the couple's friends and family were supportive of their decision, which made jumping into planning a breeze.

Initially, she said they thought they would like to travel somewhere tropical for their nuptials. The more they researched, the more it seemed like more work than they wanted.

"It became apparent we would have to have a travel photographer," Megan said, noting that additionally, the season did not fit a tropical theme.

Through a little Pinterest research, she found herself drawn toward wintery, snowy landscapes.

Then, someone mentioned Jackson Hole.

"After very little research, we realized this was the right place," Megan said.

The hardest part of eloping, according to Megan, was the scheduling. Since the couple wanted to marry so quickly after becoming engaged, they had a short timeline to book reservations, choose attire and find a photographer.

But things started to line up quickly thanks to some personal research and plenty of recommendations.

Initially, she found a photographer from Jackson Hole on social media and sent a message. That photographer was booked when they planned to wed,

but she was happy to send over a recommendation for Madison Webb Photography, who Megan said, "was absolutely perfect."

After booking reservations at the Snow King Resort, Megan turned her sights toward a dress.

"I had something in mind that I wanted, but with short timing, I had to find a way to get it quick," she said. "I actually found my perfect dress online from Azazie Bridals."

Using the site, and with some assistance from Clay, Megan added her measurements to her dress order, and the company sent her a perfectly altered dress.

Then, the couple visited Coats Clothing in downtown Florence where they found a jacket for Clay and let employees select a shirt and pants to create a complimentary ensemble.

The best part of all the planning?

"Even though the short timing was hectic, it was actually so easy," Megan said. "It was about us and only us. We didn't have to plan food or wedding favors; we didn't have to plan music, and we didn't have to plan around everyone else's schedules. It was just simple."

After just a little bit of planning, it was time to get married — which the couple actually did at the Lauderdale County Courthouse before taking



Megan Beavers said eloping was a “no-brainer,” so she and husband Clay exchanged vows amidst a snowy landscape.



Clay and Megan waited until they arrived in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, to exchange vows.



their trip out West.

"That was pretty funny, because it almost doesn't even feel real," Megan laughed. "There's no 'I dos,' no kissing — they just say, 'OK, here's your papers,' and you leave."

She and Clay went back to the car to exchange rings and a kiss because "it seemed like the thing to do," but they waited until they arrived in Jackson Hole to exchange vows.

The official day of the couple's elopement was the "least hectic, most calm day

ever," according to Megan. After sharing breakfast at the resort, she said that Clay gave skiing a shot while she got ready for the day.

"I actually did my own hair and makeup and just took my time and didn't stress," she said.

That afternoon, the couple met with their photographer at Glacier View Turnout where they finally exchanged vows exactly like they had always wanted: privately and solely for one another.

"What you can't see in the pictures is that we are

standing on about 8 feet of snow!" Megan said. She noted that at that point, she realized that they were in for a cold afternoon as they toured Cottonwood Creek, Windy Point, Teton Point and the town square, stopping for photos along the way.

When they finished taking in the views, Megan said they were ready to eat dinner, but on Sunday in Jackson Hole, everything closes early in the day.

The only places open for dinner were a pizza joint and the cowboy bar.

They ate that night at the Million Dollar Steakhouse, which is in the basement of the Million Dollar Cowboy Bar, and since they did not have a reservation, they ate at the bar.

"When I say we just went with the flow that day, I mean it," Megan said. "It was perfect!"

When she thinks about their elopement, Megan has no regrets and said nothing unexpected occurred along the way. She said it was an experience she would recommend to anyone unsure about undergoing the stress of a traditional wedding.

"Just do it," she emphasized. "It was just an intimate experience for me and Clay, and I would suggest to anyone on the fence about eloping to just go for it."



The couple's friends and family were supportive of their decision to elope, according to Megan.

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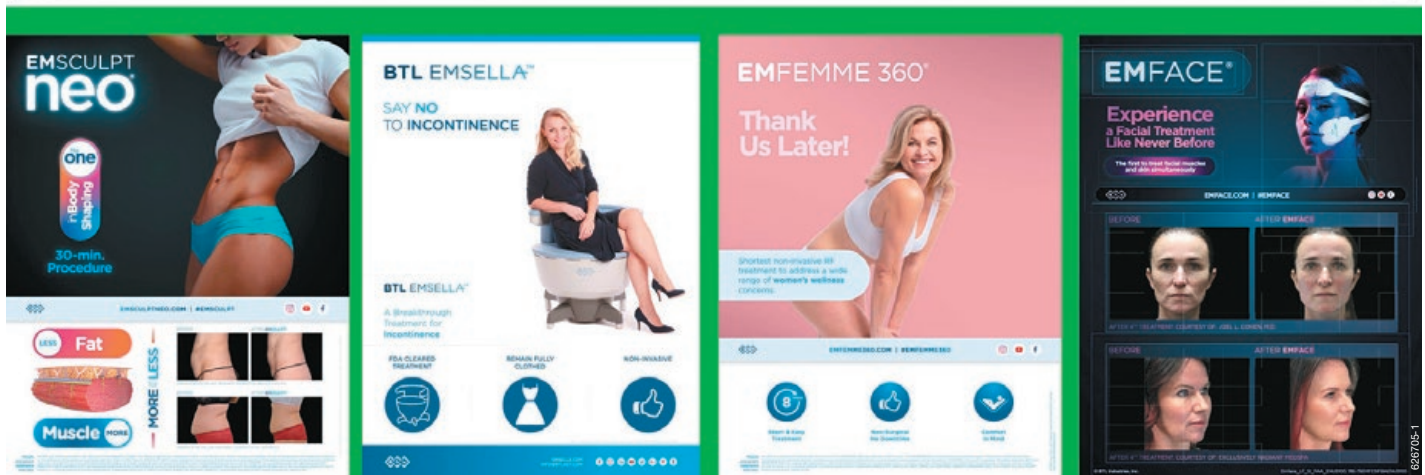


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- Determine your budget
- Choose the style of your wedding
- Select your wedding party
- Book your photographer and schedule engagement photos
- Start compiling guest list
- Research venues for your ceremony and reception
- Create and order Save the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

10-12 MONTHS

- Mail Save the Dates
- Research florist
- 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 florist

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
- Book 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

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

WEDDING WHERE YOU WANT IT

*The destination made
the journey a breeze*

by ALYSSA SUTHERLAND

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When Abbey and Stephen Robinson began dating, discussions about the future involved one definite: they wanted a destination wedding.

But they were not sold on a specific destination. In fact, Abbey said that their destination was decided based on a resort they fell in love with, and she recommends the method to any bride-to-be who wants to make her wedding the trip of a lifetime.

"When we came across the resort, we started reading how awesome it was from people who had their weddings there," she said. "They have an entire wedding department, and they handle everything down to a wedding coordinator who walks alongside you and checks up on you throughout the entire process."

The resort they chose, Sandos Finisterra Los Cabos, offered a comprehensive and customizable wedding

Abbey Robinson said a destination wedding was one definite when she and her future husband Stephen talked about their wedding plans.



Abbey McDonald and Stephen Robinson.
Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. 07.12.24

package which included everything from a DJ, venue and dinner to the rehearsal dinner, floral arrangements and more.

A photographer was even included, but the Robinsons chose to travel with their own.

"They basically reached out to me with a spreadsheet, and I filled it all in," Abbey explained. "They made it so easy!"

She said a representative from the resort spoke with her about theme options and colors, then sent a variety of floral options in menu form, and she chose what she wanted.

The resort even added things to her wedding it usually did not offer, like a champagne tower.

"They basically told me, 'Whatever you want, we will make happen,'" she said.

As a result, Abbey said the planning process was

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nearly 100% stress-free — and after being in eight weddings, she knew how stressful many brides believe wedding planning to be.

The only aspect of planning a destination wedding that Abbey said was stressful was making sure the right number of rooms were blocked off for family and friends invited to the nuptials.

Luckily, Abbey said her best friend, Carly Franks, is a travel agent, and despite never helping with a destination wedding before, she jumped right in to make sure Abbey's plans fell in line.

Once Abbey, Stephen and a small group of their families and closest friends arrived in Cabo, Abbey said she did not have "to lift a finger." The resort took care of everything, and the group got to enjoy every moment shared in a beautiful location.

"The best part was having all our family and friends together in Mexico," she said. "There really is nothing like it. It was so special to have everyone together in such a special and beautiful place."

The group arrived in

Cabo a few days before Abbey and Stephen tied the knot. They spent the four days leading up to the wedding creating special memories and "bonding in a way [they] never had before."

Much of the time was spent hanging around the resort pool and participating in special resort events, which Abbey's resort-package wedding planner arranged for them to attend.

On the day of the wedding, Abbey and Stephen were wed on the Pacific Coast

in front of the resort, which helped incorporate a special moment into their ceremony in honor of Abbey's father, who passed away shortly before the wedding.

"After the ceremony, me, my brother and my sister walked down to the water and scattered some of his ashes," Abbey said. "It was our way of honoring him at the wedding and making him a part of it with a special memory."

After their wedding, the newlyweds remained in Cabo for another five days, moving to an adults-only luxury resort before returning home where they had a huge party to include the friends who could not be invited to the destination wedding.

When Abbey thinks back on the wedding, she knows she would not change anything about the process, because it was so easy.

She said that for anyone considering a destination wedding, she highly recommends finding a resort that will provide full wedding service, and then sit back and enjoy the process.

However, she does have one word of caution. "Get to the airport super early, and check and recheck all your travel documents," Abbey said.

She said that on the day everyone flew to Cabo, three people dealt with missed flights. In one case, a flight was cancelled, but others were the result of a late check-in and the name on a passport not exactly matching the name on a ticket.

"Always expect the unexpected with travel and have a backup plan in case a flight gets cancelled or you miss it," Abbey said. "But don't let it worry you, because when it comes down to your day, everything will be perfect."



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Bride's favorite florals set wedding theme

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Sadie Crabtree's vision for her wedding revolved around two concepts: classiness and fun.

"I knew I was going to want uniqueness," she said. "I know a lot of people stress about colors clashing and being simplistic, but that wasn't me."

Instead, she focused on two of her favorite things — the color blue and hydrangeas — and let her wedding theme unfold.

Everywhere guests looked — from bridesmaids' dresses and bouquets to more than 8,000 blue and white hydrangeas around which the rest of the wedding décor centered — Sadie's favorites were on display.

Sadie and her now-husband, Gage, were married in August. Her mom, a fan of etiquette-based color schemes, wanted to use early fall colors for the festivities.

But Sadie favored a bold blue palette — with the smallest touch of yellow "for the Amalfi Coast."



Though she has never been there, Sadie said the shades of blue and yellow that come to mind when she considers the location were at the forefront of her mind while wedding planning.

Rather than choose one shade of blue, she decided to use a splash of them all.

"We had dusty blue and royal blue and everything between," she said. "I used prints, too, and I wasn't worried about everything matching."

Even her bridesmaids' dresses were white with a print in various shades of blue, and the hydrangeas all over the venue reflected variations of blue, too.

When she reminisces about planning, Sadie said the "crazy amount [of flowers] just kind of happened."

"We met with our florist at Lola's several times, and I had a vision, but he ran

with it," she recalled. "He essentially said, 'however many [hydrangeas] you want, let's do more.'"

As a result, Sadie said a few days before the wedding, so many hydrangeas were present in the flower and gift shop that it was forced to close until her wedding florals were arranged and delivered.

However, Sadie said that she was unaware of just how many hydrangeas were used until long after the wedding ended.

After seeing a social media post from her venue, Danclay Farms, and Lola's, she was shocked to discover that it took 8,000 hydrangeas to bring her vision to life.

She thought the final look was perfect, but even if it had not been, Sadie said it would not have mattered at the end of the day.

In fact, on her wedding

Sadie Shockley and
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day, plenty of moments did not go as planned, especially during the reception. She said confusion about the schedule meant she and Gage were preparing plates of food when their first dance was announced, and her mother-in-law did not have her shoes on for the mother-son dance.

Despite those issues, Sadie said it was easy to remain focused on the day's real purpose.

"The one thing I was sure of was that if the cake fell over or the florals looked weird, it didn't matter," she said. "At the end of the day, I was marrying the love of my life."

More than 8,000 blue and white hydrangeas were part of the couple's wedding.

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MAKING MISSED CONNECTIONS

A lifetime of almost-meetings led to wedded bliss

by ALYSSA SUTHERLAND
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Jessica Lloyd and Donald Hartsell.
Decatur, Alabama. 09.21.24

Jessica and Don Hartsell had each lived a lot of life before a random meeting outside of the Madison County Courthouse in Huntsville.

Much of their lives had been lived parallel to one another.

Both were born in California on April 25 just four years apart, and both share a lot of Scottish ancestry. Both spent significant time in Iraq — Jessica working in the Baghdad Embassy with the United States Army through her former logistics company and Don in the Navy — at the exact same time.

Both had adult — or nearly adult — children from previous marriages. Both had landed in Decatur due to its proximity to Huntsville and its plethora of post-military and security careers.

And they happened to be entering the courthouse at the same time one fateful March day in 2023.

"I was walking in for an interview ... and when we saw each other, we started talking,"

Jessica recalled. "By the time we got up the stairs and to the front door, my arm was slipped under his."

The rest of their story began to unfold naturally as they discovered a deep sense of ease between them and started building a life together in the historic area of Decatur adjacent to Delano Park. They purchased a home there on Sept. 21, 2023.

During the 2023 Iron Bowl, Don whisked Jessica across the street and into the park's rose garden where he proposed. And just under a year later on Sept. 21 the couple was married in the same spot.

"We walked down the aisle to the Earth, Wind and Fire song — which we both love," Jessica laughed, noting that the date from the iconic song has become special to the couple.

Their wedding took place with all their family — including a combined six children and four grandchildren — and the community the pair built in their



Jessica and Donald Hartsell first met entering the Madison County Courthouse in March 2023.

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The Hartsells married in a rose garden at their home.



neighborhood by their sides.

In fact, neighbors — and family — performed songs, provided catering and even served as photographer for the day.

For Jessica, having a day that was authentic and comfortable was the goal.

Even the wedding invitations were simple and personal. Don, who has a drone, filmed an aerial shot of the rose garden while Jessica stood in the center, beckoning the camera closer.

Her youngest daughter overlaid Earth, Wind and Fire's song, "September," and the video, sent via email, served as the invitation.

On their wedding day, everyone got ready for the rose garden ceremony in the couple's home, then walked across the street for the nuptials.

After, a horse and carriage carried Jessica and Don to the Princess Theatre where they took photos before sharing a meal with their wedding guests at Josie's, which is owned by a neighbor and friend.

Jessica and her daughters created their own bouquets from white roses special ordered from Publix, and she said that having the opportunity to allow her "girls" to help with planning "was more fun than making any formal plans."

"I used to think job title and the money I make was important," she shared. "But the big expensive things and making it big and fancy weren't really important to us — it was about the small, family feeling, not the big hoopla."

Now, Jessica has a message for any brides-to-be or hopeful brides who fear they waited too long to have the perfect love story: do not give up, and do not be afraid to get out and bump into people.

"It's easy for older brides to feel so insecure," she said. "It's OK not to be perfect — we are right in a lot of qualities earned through life like love, creativity and learning to forgive and say 'I'm sorry.'"

"Hold out hope, because they have a lot to offer to someone, too."



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Wedding know-how

**Planning expert offers expertise
in the vendor selection process**

by ALYSSA SUTHERLAND

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Blair Garner, owner of Blair Bear Weddings & Events, has been in the wedding planning business most of her life.

As a result, she has insights into the industry which are helpful to any brides (and grooms) in the process of planning and choosing their wedding vendors.

"It's very important to choose vendors that are going to give you not only the best experience ... but also do what they say they're going to do," Garner said. "[Those are] vendors who have integrity, arrive on time, clean up on time and are presentable."

Garner admits that for those who do not deal with wedding

vendors on a regular basis, knowing who will meet those marks can be difficult. That is why she said it is important to vet vendors - after all, the bride is in the driver's seat and interviewing each for a job.

Top Considerations

Garner said that the first three vendors that should be booked for a wedding - after a wedding planner, of course - are the venue, the caterer and the photographer, in that order.

"People will always remember what they ate and what the day looked like," she said, noting that the bride and groom will want to look back on photos of the day, too.

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Blair Garner, right, has been in the wedding planning business most of her life.



When selecting those vendors, Garner said that it is important to already have a guest count estimation and the season the wedding will take place.

That information may limit some venue and catering options or help the couple narrow down options.

Additionally, Garner said a couple should be wary of any who pressure them to place an immediate deposit to secure their wedding date.

Garner said vendors should be ready to share with brides what they can offer for the wedding day, not pressure them into locking into a location or service without a real understanding of what it means.

Act Now

While Garner does not like it when vendors pressure brides, she explains that the earlier in the planning process vendors are booked, the better.

"The best thing you can do is lock in 2025 prices for your 2026 or 2027 wedding," she stressed. "This is huge, because every year, prices are increasing."

By locking in prices before the end of the year, brides can save significantly, she said.

Accept Advice

While treating the vendor selection process like a series of job interviews is a great way to make sure vendors are the right fit, Garner said there is also a lot to be said for accepting the advice of those who work in the industry.

"Speaking with someone in the industry, even if they don't get a planner or coordinator - a venue owner, caterer or baker, a DJ - will be a huge eye-opener for them," she said.

Garner explained that in the Shoals area, new vendors are popping up all the time, and it takes working with them a few times before a real recommendation can be offered.

However, some word of mouth goes a long way, and Garner suggested that brides use it to choose vendors who will go above and beyond for every wedding day.

"There are people who do the extras and accomplish little things for you," she said.

Additionally, Garner said if it seems like one vendor is pressuring a couple to use other specific people, calling another industry professional to determine if the recommendation is valid can be helpful.

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Avoid All-Inclusive Packages

Finally, Garner said that she will "almost never" recommend that a bride and groom choose an all-inclusive wedding package.

"They may be OK, but not excel at everything," Garner said. "In my experience, with all-inclusive packages, tons of things go wrong."

She said that often, it is the small things that get overlooked in such packages. For example, tablecloths might not get steamed or pressed, or food may be mediocre or served late.

"Things go wrong time and again, because either there's not

enough people, or they're trying to include things they don't have the expertise or capability to do with a five-star rating," she said. "It comes out mediocre."

Ultimately, Garner's biggest recommendation when it comes to choosing vendors is to seek the help of a coordinator or planner.

She said that in that role, an individual is able to smoothly handle bringing all the vendors together without adding stress to the bride.

"You're the VIP," Garner said. "You need someone else to be that glue that brings everybody together."



Garner suggests brides be open to accepting advice from those in the wedding industry.

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*Chowning,
Gist*



Natalie Chowning and Noah Gist were married June 1, 2024 in a 6:00 evening ceremony held at Creekside at Collier's End with Pastor Steve Huskey officiating. A reception followed.

The bride is the daughter of Kevin and Lya Chowning of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Grant and Diane Wilkes and the late John and Lois Chowning, all of Florence.

The groom is the son of Jason and Kristy Gist of Russellville. He is the grandson of Danny and Patsy Gist of Russellville, Lilburn and Linda Bevis of Florence, and Dale and Lori Moore of Muscle Shoals.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose a beautiful off the shoulder Kitty Chen Couture gown from Brides by Glitz in Nashville, along with a matching veil from Vow'd and Badgley Mischka shoes.

Maid of honor was Rebecca Chowning, sister of the bride. Junior bride was Eleanor Chowning Gist, daughter of the bride. Bridesmaids were Parker Hanson, Lanigan Barnes, and Kat Davis Fretwell, all friends of the bride. Honorary bridesmaids were Claire Wilkes, Emily Wilkes, and Lexi Gist. Flower girls were Evvie Gist, Sylvie Willis, and Maeva Buckhalter, cousins of the groom.

Best man was the groom's father, Jason Gist. Groomsman was Levi Gist, brother of the groom. Ring security was Orben Gist and Willis Harbin, cousins of the groom, and Grayson Robinson, cousin of the bride.

Wedding director was Ashleigh Morgan Events and floral designer was Cindy Harrison. Wedding invitations and programs were from PSI in Florence. The reception at Creekside was catered by Mason Dixon, and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Suzanne White. Ceremony music was performed by harpist Steven Todd Miller and violinist Mary Peck, and GQ Litmosphere entertained reception guests. Hair stylist was Sophie Hardy and make up artist was Corey Nichols. Photographer was April Warhurst and videographer was Anthony Palmero.

After a honeymoon at the Sugar Beach Resort in St. Lucia, the couple is now residing in Russellville.

Photos by April Warhurst







Our Story:

Our story is a bit unorthodox, Noah and I only dated a few months in high school, but the love we shared for one another always remained. After spending a few years apart, we ended up at the right place at the right time, running into each other while we were both on a trip at the beach. After long conversations of where we had been and where we would like to go, our love was reignited and even stronger than before, but this time around, Noah not only fell in love with me again, but also my 3-year-old daughter, Eleanor. Noah was happy to embrace both of us with open arms. From the moment they interacted with one another, I knew that it was meant to be. He loved playing with her, spending time with her, and being a part of her world. He showed me everything I had always hoped for, not only in a husband, but also in a father.

We knew that our relationship would come with a lot of commitment since we attended different colleges that were 3 hours away from each other. Noah attended Mississippi State University, and I attended the University of North Alabama. We would make countless trips to see each other, filling our weekends with laughter and memories, whether we were in Starkville or Florence.

Three years later, I decided to plan a weekend shopping trip for the two of us, but little did I know I was planning my own engagement. Noah had secretly bought a ring. He took me to a beautiful spot at the Cheekwood Estate in Nashville, Tennessee, where he planned to pop the question. Once we arrived, Noah guided me to a beautiful view, overlooking the garden. We stood admiring the view, then I turned to see Noah down on one knee. I was completely surprised and couldn't say "Yes!" fast enough (or at least we think that is what I said because we were both so overwhelmed with excitement).

Shortly after our engagement, the chaos of wedding planning began. For a year, we celebrated excitement and love as we decided on Creekside at Colliers End in Mooresville, Alabama for our big day. We knew it would be the perfect place for us. From the beautiful white house to the flowers, to the vineyard, every detail was perfect. We not only wanted the day to be special to us, but also to Eleanor. We knew that she needed to play a special role in our wedding, so I gave her the honor of being my junior bride. Eleanor was able to pick out her very own dress, which was similar to mine. She proudly walked down the aisle right before me. Noah and I made it a priority to share special moments with Eleanor throughout our wedding day. After our first dance as husband and wife, Noah invited Eleanor to the dance floor, so that they could share a first dance together as well, as father and daughter.

The day was filled with love, laughter, and pure joy. One of my favorite memories from the day was doing a private first look with Noah. The moment we saw each other, the chaos of the day faded, and it was just him and I. It was a truly magical day where two souls became one and three became a family. I think of our story as a book with unexpected twists and turns. We got the chance of falling in love with each other not once but twice, and this time we got our fairytale ending. But to think, this is only the beginning!



*Hanback,
Smith*







Lily RaeAnn Hanback and Connor Ray Smith were married March 30, 2024 at 6:00 in the evening at Danclay Farms with Isaac Brown officiating. The reception was also held at Danclay Farms following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Kevin and Bridget Hanback of Lexington. She is the granddaughter of Jerrie Nell Hanback of Killen.

The groom is the son of Jason and Shannon Smith and the late Shanna Smith of Killen. He is the grandson of Lisa Thornton, Michael Haraway, and Geraldine Smith of Anderson.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a white gown designed by Ingrid Olic of Australia.

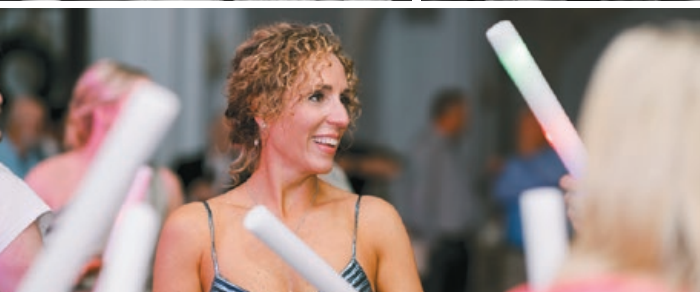
Maid of honor was Macy Hanback and matron of honor was Kinsley West, both sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Camryn Holden, Madeline Williams, Maggie Tays, Marlee Bailey, Macey Walker, Ally Garrett, and Mycala Mitchell, all friends of the bride. Flower girl was Hadley Trockenbrot, cousin of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, Jason Smith. Groomsmen were Jacob Trousdale, Braden Gross, Juvonne Shanes, Mason Hafner, all friends of the groom; Collins Hicks and John Lewis Hicks, cousins of the groom; Carson Smith, brother of the groom; and Kaden West, brother-in-law of the groom. Ring bearer was Maverick Roden, cousin of the bride.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumley and floral designer was Cindy Harrison. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by Gus Spears. Hair stylist was Abbie Lee and make up artist was Morgan Ann Hill. The reception was catered by Hickory House, and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Chrissie Hamner. Photographer was Rebekah Handley of Rebekah Photography, and videographer was Al Hammond of Awaken Films.

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







*Wright,
Dixon*





Kelsey Winter Wright and Christopher Doyle Dixon were married May 18, 2024 at Camp Creek. The ceremony was officiated by the bride's father, the Honorable Judge Cliff Wright.

The bride is the daughter of Cliff and Sherri Wright of Florence. She is the granddaughter of the late Gober and Dorothy Elliott of Florence, and the late Earl and Becky Wright of Sheffield.

The groom is the son of Tim and Beverly Dixon of Killen. He is the grandson of Johnnie Ruth Dixon and the late Doyle Dixon and the late Ellis and Dorothy May, all of Greenhill.

The bride was escorted by her brother, Christian Wright. She wore a beautiful Justin Alexander Signature strapless ball gown with satin flowers on the bodice and a satin skirt, with a coordinating cathedral length veil embellished with lavender flowers and green leaves. She also wore a necklace made from her maternal grandmother's diamond solitaire engagement ring.

Maid of honor was Stephanie Reece, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Katy Lynne Potts and Katlyn Butler, friends of the bride. Honorary bridesmaid was Jessica, dog of the bride and groom. Godmothers were Aleta Smith, Marilyn Gartman, and Anne Underwood, all friends of the bride and groom. Flower girls were Avery Dial, cousin of the groom, and Stella Underwood, friend of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, Tim Dixon. Groomsmen were Kyle Taylor and Thomas Hovater, friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Jep, dog of the bride and groom.

Kelsey graduated from Mississippi State University, so cowbells were placed at each seat and rang by the guests as the couple were pronounced husband and wife.

Wedding director was Kristi Sockwell. Floral designer was Justin Myrick of Jut's Weddings & Special Events. Music for the ceremony and the reception entertainment was provided by Excel Event Specialists. Hair stylists were Angie Archer and Lydia Baker, and make up artist was McKenzie Luster. The reception, held at Camp Creek following the ceremony, was catered by Jill's Sweet Memories. The wedding cake was made by Heather's Cakes and the groom's cake was made by Tammie Dial. The marquee letters were provided by Trey's Balloon Bar. Photographer was Beloved Imagery by Ashton Willis, and videographer was Next Stage Media. Guest portraits were done by Mezzy Paintings, and Hunter Campbell did a live painting.

The bride's "getting ready" pajama outfit was made from her mother's wedding gown by Margaret May at Rose Hill Workshop. A piece of the wedding dress was also used as the bride's bouquet wrap, along with a memory charm.

For their honeymoon, the couple spent a week at Aulani Resort in Oahu, Hawaii, followed by a weekend at Whipporwill Retreat Treehouse in Chattanooga, Tenn. They are now residing in Killen.

Photos by Beloved Imagery by Ashton Willis



*Clark,
Story*





Dezarae Clark and John Patrick Story celebrated the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony on June 1, 2024 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Florence with Father Andrew Forsythe officiating. The reception was held at Turtle Point Yacht and Country Club following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Tarah and Jerry Clark and Charlotte and Isaiah Kanies. She is the granddaughter of Jack McMurry and Ricky Darnell, all of Summertown.

The groom is the son Anita Story and Rebecca and Roy Story of Lawrenceburg. He is the grandson of Charlene and James Richard Story, Junior of Leoma and Betty and Roy Harlan of Loretto.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a Danielle Frankel raised cowl neck, bias cut silk wool long sleeve gown with an open back with scarf draped accent from The Dress Theory, complimented by Gucci slingback ballerina shoes. Her something blue was Murano glass alpha and omega medal from The Vatican gifted to her by the groom.

Maid of honor was Liberty Clark, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Ember Hennessey, Alexa Tietgens, Teal Rice, Louisa Whitfield and Amanda Remke, childhood and college friends. The flower girls and ring bearer, Olivia, Violet and Elias Clark were siblings of the bride.

Best man was Jason Story, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Andrew Short, Cole Dain, Henri Qualls, Harrison Hayes, Selden Montgomery.

Having been to several destination weddings the bride and groom wanted to create camaraderie close to home. A long weekend at the Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa was chosen to create the magic. The groomsmen began Thursday with a round of golf at The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Muscle Shoals while the bridesmaids dined on the verandah at Swampers before an afternoon in The Spa at the Shoals. As more guests arrived, they were welcomed to the Governor's Suite with musician Austin Byrd by the bride and groom. Following the party, the guests went by trolley to the Boiler Room on Court Street. Friday began another round of golf and the bridesmaid's luncheon at Turtle Point. Tracie and Kevin Story, the groom's aunt and uncle, hosted the rehearsal dinner later that evening at their lake front home. Italian summer was the theme. The menu, based on the groom's parents recent trip to an Italian seaside restaurant, La Conca del Sogno, was catered by the Grayson family of Society American Nosherie with chef Gary Menard. Insalata di pomodori, spaghetti alla nerano, branzino al sale, Bistecca alla Fiorentina, vedure alla griglia and patate al forno were served tableside with Gelatano gelato cart available for dessert. Bridesmaid and sommelier Amanda Remke chose the wine selections. Musicians from Nashville, Analisa and John Gallo, delivered the Evening In Roma melodies. The WonderLust Bus provided vintage snapshots to the guests. Purcell's Tent's and Events provided the lighting and décor. Flori Designs provided florals.

Saturday morning began with change of plans after the wedding tent ended up on the roof of Turtle Point. A very quick turnaround moved the party in doors. The bridesmaids were the first guests in the newly renovated Presidential Suite at the Marriott. Beauty Loft by Reagan and Brie Beckman Beauty provided hair and make-up. Jackson and Nina captured the first look and the day began. Trolley rides carried the guests to Wedding Mass directed by Jessi Whitehead Montgomery with musical accompaniment by another Nashville musician, Jessamyn Frain and her team. Another ride to Turtle Point and Dr. and Mrs. John Patrick Story were introduced by Drum and Drummer, the musicians for the evening. Lollipop lambchops, prime rib, shrimp and grits and Turtle Point's famous fried chicken rounded out the menu with Baked by Jess providing the 3 tier traditional buttercream cake and the two tier strawberry groom's cake. Freeman's Flowers and Gifts provided florals and Nashville Candle Company set the atmosphere. Memories were captured by Twisted Perspective's DSLR photo booth and a fireworks display ended the evening.

Wedding coordinator was Grey Boroff of House of Grey Events. Photography and videography captured by Jackson and Nina Long. Stationary wardrobe by Kate Wiseman Creative. Purcell's Tents and Events provided supplies and rentals.

The bride and groom enjoyed their family and friends one more day poolside at the Marriott before leaving for their two week honeymoon in Greece, visiting Athens, Santorini and Paros. They are currently residing in Murfreesboro while completing his family medicine residency at Ascension St. Thomas.



Photos by Jackson and Nina Long







Hayes, Higgins

Molly Elizabeth Hayes and Evan Nelson Higgins were married April 20, 2024 at 4:30 in the afternoon in a private ceremony held at The Blevins Farm in Lexington. Johnny Blackwell, uncle of the bride, officiated the ceremony, and a reception followed, after cocktail hour, in the barn with additional guests.

The bride is the daughter of Dale Hayes of Florence, and Jennifer Blackwell Hayes and Shane Swann of Lexington. She is the granddaughter of John and Elba Lue Blackwell of Tuscumbia, and Nadine Hayes and the late Ronald Hayes of Florence.

The groom is the son of Karon Nelson Murdock of Florence and the late Charles "Chuck" Higgins, Jr. He is the grandson of the late Donna Nelson Huey, the late Aaron Nelson, Mike Huey of Florence, and Joy Higgins and the late Charles Higgins, Sr. of Athens.

The bride was escorted by her step-father. She wore a white Justin Alexander gown and matching veil from The Something Blue Shoppe.

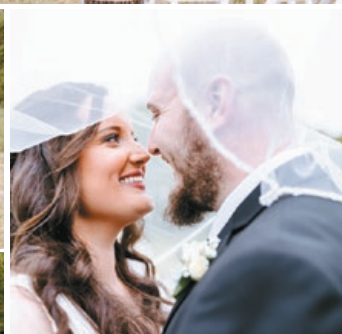
Maids of honor were Madeline Hayes Hogue, sister of the bride, and Allie Bond, cousin of the bride. Matron of honor Hannah Tidwell Smith, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Hannah Hayes, sister-in-law of the bride; Camryn Brown Curtis and Natalie Dotson, friends of the bride; Maria Higgins, sister-in-law of the groom; and Emily Higgins, sister of the groom. Flower girl was Briley Rowlett, friend of the bride, and honorary flower girl was Nora Hayes, niece of the bride.

Best man was Alex Higgins, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Channing Deluna, Lucas McDougal, Cody Vaden, Nathan Little, all friends of the groom; Rorie Nelson, cousin of the groom; and Tyler Hayes and William Hayes, brothers of the bride. Ring bearer was Liam Hayes, nephew of the bride, and honorary ring bearer was Finley Hayes, nephew of the bride.

Wedding director and floral designer was Mandy Cottrell of Mimi's Decor & More. Live guitar instrumental music for the ceremony was provided by Jacob Lovell and Tripp McCabe, and the band Allen Tolbert Unit from Birmingham entertained guests at the reception. The reception was catered by the bride's step-father, Shane Swann, and Jeff Burgess catered the rehearsal dinner. The wedding cake was made by Maddie Howton Halpain of Gingerhead Bakery, and the groom's cake was made by Heather's Cake Creations. Hair stylist was Celee Beth Powers and make up artist was Sarah Kate Sasser. Photographer was Katie Coosenberry of K. Coosenberry Photography, and the bride's cousin, Lucy Clark, made the ceremony pictures. Other special helpers were Meleah Wilson, Kitty Tilson Darnell, Missy Swann, Stacey Downing, and the bride's parents.

For their honeymoon, the couple spent a week at The Buccaneer Resort in St. Croix, Virgin Islands. They are now residing in Athens.

Photos by Photos by Lucy





Hayes, Hogue



Madeline Hayes and Tyler Hogue were married October 5, 2024 in a 4:30 afternoon ceremony at Ava's Place in Florence with Ben Hayes, uncle of the bride, officiating. The reception followed at Ava's Place.

The bride is the daughter of Dale and Tammy Hayes of Florence and Jennifer Hayes and Shane Swann of Lexington. She is the granddaughter of John and Elba Lue Blackwell of Tuscumbia, and Nadine Hayes and the late Ron Hayes of Florence.

The groom is the son of Brian and Jenny Hogue of Florence. He is the grandson of Steve and Susan Spurgeon and Ronnie and Elsie Hogue, all of Florence.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a beautiful flowing gown from Promenade. Her "something borrowed" was her veil, borrowed from her sister; her "something blue" was her engagement ring and matching necklace; her "something old" was a handkerchief from her great-great-grandmother; and her "something new" was her new boots from Boot Factory in Nashville.

Maid of honor was Molly Hayes Higgins, sister of the bride, and matron of honor was Hannah Hayes, sister-in-law of the bride. Bridesmaids were Lindsey Phillips, Montana Sheppard, Hannah Howard, all friends of the bride; Zoe Hogue, sister-in-law of the groom; and Grace Parrett, sister of the groom. Junior bridesmaid was Kenzi Hogue, niece of the groom. Flower girl was Kylie Hogue, niece of the groom.

Best man was the groom's brother, Dylan Hogue. Junior groomsman was Atlas Hogue, son of the groom. Groomsmen were Kyle Duncan and Trey Bowens, friends of the groom; Tyler Hayes and William Hayes, brothers of the bride; and Justin Parrett, brother-in-law of the groom. Ring bearer Paxton Hale, nephew of the groom.

Wedding director and floral designers were Mimi's Decor & More and Mandy Cottrell and friends. The reception was catered by Rick's BBQ and friend of the bride Nakeshia Harris. The wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Gingerhead Bakery. The dog figures on the wedding cake were carved by DLW Carving. Hair stylist was Layla Howard and make up artist was Anna Grace Alfaro. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by DJ Holliday with Rocket Entertainment. Photographer was Katie Coosenberry with K. Coosenberry Photography, and videographer was James Ezekial with Circle E Productions. Family friend Mark Simpson provided the 1969 Ford Mustang for the bride's entrance.

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

Photos by K. Coosenberry Photography





Clark, Houts

Emma Clark and Matthew Houts were married June 8, 2024 at 6:30 in the evening at Stony Point Church of Christ with Jason Helton officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Tim and Julie Clark of Florence. She is the granddaughter of John and Elba Lue Blackwell of Tuscumbia and Charles Clark and the late Betty Clark of Florence.

The groom is the son of Mike and Julie Houts of Huntsville. He is the grandson of Gary and Donna Houts of Tampa, Fla. and Mary Langston of Madison.

Matron of honor was Lucy Loveless, sister of the bride. Flower girls were Maven Bradley, Scarlett Keeton, Madalyn White, and Olivia Lambert, all kindergarten students of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, Mike Houts. Ring bearer was Wells Holt, honorary family member of the bride.

The bride and groom wanted to get married on June 8th, because it is the bride's grandparents, John and Elba Lue Blackwell, 60th wedding anniversary. After the date was set, the bride's grandfather told them that they got married on June 8th because it was his grandparents anniversary. June 8th is a wedding date that now dates back 111 years in Emma's family.

The wedding reception was held at Stony Point Church of Christ. Wedding director was Terri Brown and floral designer was Justin Myrick. The bride's beautiful white gown was purchased from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle. Hair stylist was Molly Chapin and make up artist was Sophie Hardy. The bride decided to do something different for her reception. She wrote a letter and asked 50 women, who influenced her life, asking them to make their most famous dessert(s) for the reception. This was a very fun way to include so many people in the bride's life on the wedding day. Caterer Monica Gatlin of Lilli O's Catering helped organize the dessert bar. The wedding cake and grooms cake were made by Julie Becker of The Cakery Co. A photobooth was provided by Candid Memories, and Party Pros provided the rentals. Photographer was Keelan Walker Photography.

For their honeymoon, the couple stayed at the Sandals Halcyon Beach Resort in St. Lucia. They are now residing in Huntsville.

Photos by Keelan Walker Photography



Clark, Loveless

Lucy Clark and Taylor Loveless were married May 18, 2024 in a 5:30 afternoon ceremony at Stony Point Church of Christ with Joey Barrier officiating. The reception followed at the church.

The bride is the daughter of Tim and Julie Clark of Florence. She is the granddaughter of John and Elba Lue Blackwell of Tuscumbia, and Charles Clark and the late Betty Clark of Florence.

The groom is the son of Matt and Jennifer Loveless of Cherokee. He is the grandson of Linda Gist of Cherokee, Cliff Pope of Florence, and Judy Deaton of Tishomingo, Miss.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a beautiful white satin gown from The Something Blue Shoppe, along with Kailee P. shoes, Olive & Piper earrings, and a veil borrowed from her sister.

Maid of honor was Emma Clark Houts, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kaeleigh Loveless, sister of the groom; Belle Long, Meredith Simpson, Katie Beth Linder, Kylie Thigpen, Maegan Jones, and Lilly Ann Olive, all friends of the bride. Flower girl was Eliana Owen, cousin of the bride.

Groomsmen were Spencer Norris, Hunter Bridges, Hayden Nelson, Lane Lambert, Livingston Long, and Will Potts, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Wells Holt, family friend.

Wedding director was Terri Brown and floral designer was Justin Myrick. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet, the wedding cake was made by The Cakery Co., and the groom's cake was made by Kristi Adcock. The wedding cake featured the cake topper that the bride's parents used on their wedding cake. The reception rentals were provided by Party Pros, and reception entertainment was provided by After the Tone. Hair stylist was Celee Beth Powers and make up artist was Brooklyn Hamilton. Fireworks were from TNT Fireworks. The bride's grandfather provided the getaway car. Photographer was Katie and Alec Photography.

The couple enjoyed a seven day honeymoon at Sandals South Coast in Jamaica. They are now residing in Florence.

Photos by Katie and Alec Photography





Carnes, Ozbirn

Lexie Carnes and Tate Ozbirn were married July 6, 2024 at 6:00 in the evening in a beautiful outdoor ceremony at Danclay Farms with Pastor Jeff Lentz officiating. The reception followed at Danclay Farms.

The bride is the daughter of Mark and Brooke Carnes of Golden, Miss. She is the granddaughter of Brenda Keeton and the late Butch Keeton of Red Bay, Betty Body of Vina, and the late Euel Carnes of Golden, Miss. She is also the great-granddaughter of Betty Fancher of Red Bay.

The groom is the son of Ricky and Pam Ozbirn of Vina. He is the grandson of Carolyn Webb of Tupelo, Miss., the late Richard Lamar Ozbirn of Vina, Shirley Scott of Vina, and Hugh Scott of Vina.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a beautiful ivory Martina Liana gown from The Something Blue Shoppe, along with Badgley Mischka pearl heels.

Maids of honor were Reagan Kuykendall and Sydney Hardin, both friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Cara McNeil, Ashley Edmondson, and Lauren Whitten, all friends of the bride.

Best man was the groom's brother, Taylor Ozbirn. Groomsmen were Cody Carnes, brother of the bride; Andrew Guinn and Avery Guinn, cousins of the groom; Kurtlan Hiser and Aeron Moor, friends of the groom.

Wedding director was Pansy Hall, great-aunt of the bride. Floral designer was Cindy Harrison of Florals by Cindy. String music for the ceremony was provided by Michele R. Mariage Volz, and reception entertainment was provided by JB Nelson. Southern Skillet Catering catered the reception, Sweets By Nissi made the wedding cake, and Suzann White made the groom's cake. The marquee letters for the reception were provided by Alpha-Lit Huntsville. Hair stylist was Amber Bohannon and make up artist was Faith Ezzell. Photographer was Mandi Nunley Photography, and videographer was Dustin Edmonson. Travel agent for the honeymoon was Natalie with Fairy Godmother Travel. Audrey Elliot served as the notary.

The couple spent their honeymoon at the Sandals Royal Barbados Resort on the island of Barbados. They are now residing in Tupelo, Miss., but plan to move back to Red Bay in the future.

"Tate and I were high school sweethearts, we both went to Red Bay High School. We started dating when I was 14 and he was 16. We had been dating 9 years when we got married. We visited The Grand Hotel in Fairhope, AL several times after we graduated high school and fell in love with the spot. Fast Forward to January of 2024, Tate asked me to go for a few nights with him and his parents. I thought nothing of it but was completely surprised when on the evening of January 6th, 2024 he walked me around the pond at the hotel and down to the water fountain where he dropped down to one knee and asked me to marry him stating "I have been wanting to do this for a very long time". I was moved to tears and looked up to the top of the stairs to see a photographer, his parents, and my parents which drove 6 hours to be there. It was a fairytale engagement and wedding. I couldn't have dreamed of anything more perfect."

Photos by Mandi Nunley Photography





McGill, Campbell

Carley Ann McGill and Ethan Cade Campbell were married October 5, 2024, at 5:00 in the afternoon at Danclay Farms with Zachary McGill, brides brother, officiating. The reception followed at Danclay Farms.

The bride is the daughter of Bret and Traci McGill of Athens. She is the granddaughter of Carol Lovell, Ted and Renee McGill, Gale Jones, the late Hugh Jones and the late Kenneth Lumpkin, all of Athens.

The groom is the son of Chris Campbell of Attalla and Kayla Campbell of Rainbow City. He is the grandson of Peggy Tilley and the late Burrow Tilley of Gadsden, Steve and Rose Smith of Rainbow City and the late Victor and Barabra Campbell of Attalla.

The bride was escorted by her father in her beautiful gown from Bridal by Morgan's "Wonderfully Made" collection and a cathedral piped lace veil from Jaxie Bridal from Bridal by Morgan located in Athens, Ala. She carried a bouquet of mixed flowers with her late grandfather's ring and a pendant attached in his honor which was her something old. Her something blue was the mother of the bride, who wore a navy-blue dress the day of the wedding.

The maid of honor was Raley McGill and Emrey McGill, both sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Madison Herron and Brooke Pettus, lifelong best friends of the bride. Flower girls were Laiken Campbell, daughter of the groom and Riley McGill, niece of the bride

Best men were Steven Smith, brother of the groom and Devin Parker, best friend. The groomsmen were Kason Campbell, brother of the groom and Zachary McGill, brother of the bride. The ring bearer was Knox McGill, nephew of the bride.

The wedding coordinator, florist and decorator was Mandy Cottrell with Mimi's Decor & More. The ceremony, music and entertainment were provided by DJ Jeremy Moses. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet. Wedding cake and cupcakes were made by Heather Heavenly Cupcakes & Cakes. The hair stylist was Presley Pullum and makeup artist was Alysa Pettus. The photographer was Keelan Walker, and the videographer was Bruce Carson with QF2 Films.

For their honeymoon the couple stayed at the all-inclusive Sandals La Toc resort in St. Lucia. They are now residing in Athens, Ala.





*Belew,
Newton*



Larson Danielle Belew and Adam Blake Newton were married Friday, May 10, 2024 at 5:30 in the afternoon at Danclay Farms in Florence. Officiating the ceremony was Heath Harrelson, Pastor at First Baptist Church Anderson. The reception followed and Danclay Farms.

The bride is the daughter of Paul and Brandy Belew of Anderson. She is the granddaughter of Donald and Debbie White of Anderson, Bob and Linda Lee of Tuscumbia, and the late Donnie Belew of Elgin. She is the great-granddaughter of Mary Lou Springer.

The groom is the son of Joel and Jennifer Newton of Lexington. He is the grandson of Donnie and Merle Newton of Rogersville, and Marylin Wall and the late John Wall of Minor Hill, Tenn.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose a Pronovias strapless mermaid gown in off white Mikado with a custom peplum and a button back. She also wore a Toni Federic horsehair edge two tier veil for the ceremony, and then a custom bow made by her seamstress, Candis Glover. The dress and veil were purchased from Birch on Main in Huntsville.

Maid of honor was Riley Stanfield, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were Bailey Patterson, Claire Ferguson, and Georgia Patterson, friends of the bride; Mattie Adams and Kaylee Stanfield, cousins of the bride; and Blaire Greer, sister of the groom. Flower girl was Savannah Newton, cousin of the groom.

The groom's father, Joel Newton, served as his son's best man. Groomsmen were Reid Newton, Heath Newton, and Seth Newton, cousins of the groom; Leed Belew, brother of the bride; John Greer, brother-in-law of the groom; and Robb Patterson, friend of the groom.

Wedding director was April Joiner and floral designer was Pam Word. Music for the ceremony and the reception was provided by Ethan Bruton. The reception was catered by Jill's Sweet Memories. The wedding cake was a three tier strawberry cake with buttercream frosting decorated with the couple's custom wedding crest, made by Celena Grant Cake Company, who also made the two tier chocolate on chocolate groom's cake. Hair stylists were Melia Owens and Alisha Johnson of M & Co. LLC of Rogersville, and make up artist was Corey Nichols of Makeup by Corey. Photographer was Rebekah Handley of Rebekah Photography, and videographer was Al Hammond of Awaken Films.

For their honeymoon, the couple stayed at the Henderson Resort in Destin, Fla. They are now residing in Rogersville.

Photos by Rebekah Photography





Collins, Day

Caitlyn Collins and Caleb Day were married Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 5:30 in the evening at Locust Hill in Tuscumbia with Dr. Randy Thompson officiating from First Presbyterian Church. The reception followed at Locust Hill.

The bride is the daughter of Andy Collins of Muscle Shoals. She is the granddaughter of Barbara Collins and the late Wesley Collins of Muscle Shoals.

The groom is the son of Jerry Day of Decatur and Jennifer Day of Muscle Shoals. He is the grandson of Debs and Sharon Day of Eufaula, Okla., and Linda Day of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Mark McDowell of Clay, and Janice Pilkinton of Cullman.

The bride was escorted by her father and wore an elegant white gown from The Something Blue Shoppe.

Maid of honor was Kristen Collins, sister of the bride. Matron of honor was Madalyn Sartain, sister-in-law of the bride. Bridesmaids were Lauren Day, sister-in-law of the bride; Anna Collins Karr, cousin of the bride; Maddox Dolly, Payton Brewer, Kayleigh Reed and Sara Vance, friends of the bride. Flower girl was Eloise Sartain, niece of the groom.

Best man was Jake Hornsby, best friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Chandler Sartain, brother-in-law of the groom; A.J. Karr, cousin of the bride; Luke Hornsby, Tyler Dickey, Chance Scoggins, Billy McGee, friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Tucker Sartain, nephew of the groom.

Wedding Director was Casey Jeffreys. Garden Gate Catering and Events catered the reception. Wedding cake and desserts were made by Yummies Bakery. Music for the ceremony and reception was provided by DJ Nate - Dawg. Rentals were Party Pros and Light it up Shoals. Hair stylist was Anna Rivers Burrough and make-up artist was Tori Treadway Flippo. Photographer was by Lucy Clark of Photos by Lucy, and videographer was by Daniel Powell. Stationery, cups and koozies were designed by Printers & Stationers, Inc.

For their honeymoon the couple spent a week in Antigua. The couple now reside in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Photos by Photos by Lucy





*Tucker,
Epperson*





Taylor Tucker and Zachary Epperson were united in marriage on the evening of June 8, 2024, in a breathtaking outdoor ceremony in the Wooded Meadow at Camp Grace Wedding and Event Venue in Cherokee. Surrounded by family and friends, the couple exchanged vows under a canopy of natural beauty and rustic charm. The heartfelt ceremony was officiated by the groom's father, Chad Epperson, adding a deeply personal and meaningful touch to the day. The reception immediately followed, offering a joyful celebration at the same venue.

The bride is the cherished daughter of Brandon and Rachel Tucker of Muscle Shoals, while the groom is the beloved son of Chad and Jeannie Epperson.

Taylor was escorted down the aisle by her father, radiating elegance in a stunning gown from Kathleen's Bridal, complemented by a matching cathedral-length veil that perfectly captured her timeless style.

The bridal party included Lexi Henson as maid of honor, and bridesmaids Aly Epperson, Sha Epperson, Lily Laverty, Alexiss Mason, Alex Shaw, Anna Marcon, Caroline Willingham, Mary Calvert Freeman, Presley Spicer, and Aubrey Epperson. Remie Epperson and Lorelai Harvey, served as flower girls, enchanting guests as they scattered petals along the aisle.

The stunning floral designs for the ceremony and reception were lovingly crafted by the bride's mother, Rachel Tucker, showcasing her talent and adding a personal, heartfelt touch to the day.

Zachary was supported by his best man, Carson Knight, and groomsmen, including his brothers, Casey and Dylan Epperson, along with Brady Tucker, Blake McCollister, Cameron Epie, Eli Underwood, Nick Griffith, John Michael Joner, and Jacob Bishop. Together, they stood as a testament to the bonds of family and friendship.

The celebration was beautifully orchestrated by wedding director Cecilia Brumley. Guests savored a delicious meal catered by Southern Skillet Catering, while moments were perfectly captured by talented photographer April Warhurst. The event was made even more special with live violin and cello performances by Winslow Davis and an accompanying musician, creating an elegant ambiance. Guests danced the night away with entertainment by DJ Lavale Cooper, and the couple's memories were preserved with a video by Ace Eaton.

Hair styling was provided by Lauren Harvey, and makeup was done by Tori Treadway from Beauty Loft by Reagan, ensuring the bride and bridal party looked radiant throughout the day.

Following their magical day, the couple embarked on a memorable honeymoon, enjoying a cruise to the Bahamas and a trip to Disney World. They have since returned to Muscle Shoals, where they are building their life together as husband and wife.

Taylor and Zachary's wedding at Camp Grace was a true reflection of their love and commitment—a day filled with joy, laughter, and the beginning of their happily ever after.

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Photos by April Warhurst





Odom, Long

It was a week like any other—workdays, dog walks, and the comfortable rhythm of life. Tyler and I were engaged and happily navigating our routines. But that week, something felt a little different. We both had the same day off and I couldn't help but feel like that Friday was meant for something special. Over the weekend, I asked Tyler if he had any plans for the upcoming Friday. When he said no, I suggested a simple yet life-changing idea.

With only a few days to prepare, I knew I wanted a dress that would match our low-key celebration. On Monday, I met my sister, Abby, at Dillard's, and we searched through the racks for anything white. There it was: a short, long sleeve, white Gianni Bini dress, rhinestone details along the hem, (great for Alabama weather). It was perfect. When we got to the register, we wrote, "I said yes to the dress" on the receipt—a little keepsake from this moment of spontaneity.

The days between Monday and Friday felt like a lifetime. When Friday finally arrived, I felt nervous—not because of the vows but because I wanted every detail to go just right. At 11:00 AM, my dear friend of 20 years met us at Pocket Park in Seven Points. She just so happened to be an ordained minister, and it felt like fate that she would be the one to officiate. As I reached the park, my dad held my hand, steadying me as we crossed the street. We arrived at the center of Pocket Park, where he gave my hand to Tyler, and with smiles and a few happy tears, we exchanged our vows.

And then came the fun part! We made our way to the courthouse for the official paperwork, and they let us skip the metal detector, like they, too, were swept up in the celebration. A quick signature later, and we were officially husband and wife!

To wrap up our perfect day, we met our families at the Marriott hotel. The evening was filled with laughter, cheers, and toasts to our future. We ate, drank, and made merry, celebrating not just a day but the beginning of a life together, simple and sweet, just the way we wanted.

*Bishop,
Gooch*





Blair Bishop and Bo Gooch were married March 23, 2024 at 4:00 in the afternoon at The Anderson Center. Officiating the ceremony was Ty Rhymes, and a reception followed at The Anderson Center.

The bride is the daughter of Barry and Jennifer Bishop of Muscle Shoals. She is the granddaughter of Frank and Peggy Bishop of Sheffield, and Virginia Blackburn and the late Paul Blackburn of Florence.

The groom is the son of Bill and Mary Beth Gooch of Florence. He is the grandson of Lucretia Gooch and the late Larry Gooch of Florence, and the late Virgil and Glenda Tennant of W. Va.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore an elegant white satin A-line gown with satin covered buttons down to the end of the semi-cathedral train. She carried a bouquet of mixed colors of wildflowers.

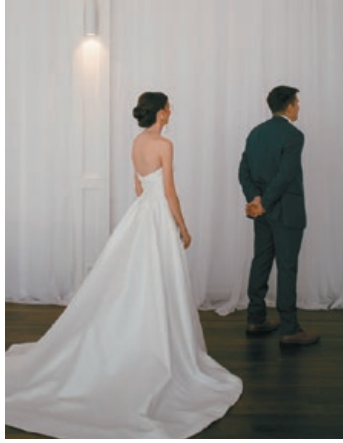
Maid of honor was Morgan Bishop, triplet sister of the bride, and matron of honor was Brooke Smith, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Maggie Bishop, sister-in-law of the bride; Lee-Taylor Bishop, cousin of the bride; Alyssa Burnett, Kelsey Camara, Kayleigh Duprel, Montana Morris, all friends of the bride; and Abbi Basic, sister of the groom. The bridesmaids wore moss green chiffon floor length gowns, and they all carried bouquets of wildflowers. Flower girls were Esther Smith, Lois Smith, and Miriam Smith, all nieces of the bride. They wore dusty pink lace and tulle tea length dresses and carried baskets with eucalyptus leaves.

Best man was the groom's brother, Sam Gooch. Groomsmen were Tyler House, Walker White, Kolby Chandler, Connor Glover, Brock Windham, Cole Bennett, all friends of the groom; Tyler Bishop, triplet brother of the bride; and Noah Basic, brother-in-law of the groom. The groom wore a navy tuxedo with a moss green tie and a wildflower boutonniere. The groomsmen wore navy dress pants with white button down shirts, moss green ties and suspenders.

Wedding director was Dawn Pettus. Floral designer was Lola's Florist, (who was also the florist of the bride's parents' wedding thirty-five years earlier). DJ Ethan Bruton provided the music for the ceremony and the reception entertainment. The reception was catered by Odette's. The wedding cake was an apple pie flavored cake with cinnamon buttercream frosting by Gingerhead Bakery, and the groom's cake was a chocolate peanut butter cake made by The Cakery. Hair stylist was Ashley Cassel and make up artist was Savana Vinson. Photographer was Amandalyn Photography. Brass candlesticks and milk glass bud vases were collected by the bride and were arranged with flowers by Lola's Florist. Wildflower packets were given out as wedding favors to grow and spread the love.

For their honeymoon, the couple took a Disney cruise. They are now residing in Florence.

Photos by Amandalyn Photography





Roberson, Danley

Olivia Kate Roberson and Jonah Harrison Danley were married June 8, 2024 at 6:00 in the evening at Lone Cedar Church of Christ with Brian Smith officiating. The reception was held at the church following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Bobby and Amy Roberson of Loretto, Tenn. She is the granddaughter of H.L. and Shirley Butler of Florence, Danny and Pam Case of Loretto, Tenn., and Bob and Judy Roberson of Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

The groom is the son of Michael and Amanda Danley of Florence. He is the grandson of Eddie and Jane Behel and the late Leon and Betty Danley, all of Florence.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose a beautiful white gown with a long train from Cherry Tree Lane, along with a matching veil.

Maid of honor was Emma Thigpen, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Alli Short, Abbey Haraway, Peyton Branum, Allie Kate Kidd, and Maggie Drummond, all friends of the bride. Flower girl was Mattie Grace Danley, cousin of the groom.

Best man was the groom's father, Michael Danley. Groomsmen were Noah Danley, brother of the groom; Joe Norris, cousin of the groom; Brooks Jackson, Kage Hankins, Colton Mason, and Houston Grissom, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Payton Danley, cousin of the groom. Ushers were Spencer Newton and Sean Newton, cousins of the groom, and Cooper Case and Knox Case, cousins of the bride.

Wedding director was Lauren Boston. Floral designer was Justin Myrick of Jut's Flowers. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet, the wedding cake was made by Keisha Coan, and the groom's cake was made by Yummies Bakery. Hair stylist and make up artist was Sydney Smith. Pictures were taken at the Carbine House in Florence. Photographer was Rebekah Handley of Rebekah Photography, and videographer was Awaken Films.

After a fireworks show send off from the reception, the couple left for their honeymoon in Jackson Hole, Wyo. They are now residing in Florence.

Photos by Rebekah Photography



*Spence,
Arnold*



Katie Spence and Jason Arnold were married December 31, 2023 in a 5:00 afternoon ceremony at Pickett on Court with Chris Burgreen officiating. The reception followed at Pickett on Court.

The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Karen Spence of Florence. She is the granddaughter of the late Gene and Sally Wilson of Russellville, and the late Huey and Jean Spence of Dyersburg, Tenn.

The groom is the son of Bonnie Campbell of Bradenton, Fla. and the late Theron Arnold of Inverness, Fla. He is the grandson of the late Howard and Naomi Arnold and the late Judith Campbell, all of Bradenton, Fla.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose a beautiful white gown with a cathedral length train and matching veil from Cherry Tree Lane. She also wore a pearl bracelet made from a strand of pearls that the bride's father had once given to her mother.

Maids of honor were Natalie Spence and Mollie Spence, sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Nicole Terrell, Anna Milwee, Stephanie Whitten, Charlee Cooper, Hannah Smith, and Anna Nelson, all friends of the bride. Flower girls were Leigh Barrow and Helen Barrow, family friends of the bride.

Best man was Derek Bass, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Mitchell Lovell, Caleb Rimes, and David Berrens, all friends of the groom; Ethan Pottorff and Landen Pottorff, nephews of the groom. Ring bearer was Marshall Barrow, family friend of the bride.

A red rose was placed in the chair to represent Jason's deceased father. There was also a memory table with photos of the couple's deceased loved ones.

Wedding director was Lindsy Balentine. Floral designer was Chelsea Dudley. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by DJ Casper. The reception was catered by Jeff Burgess of 117 Catering. The wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Julie Becker of The Cakery Co. Hair stylist and make up artist was Tori Treadway of Beauty Loft by Reagan. Photographer and videographer was Daniel Powell. Other special helpers were Sheena Burgreen and Charlene Woodruff. The bride's "getting ready" robe was hand made by her mother from her own wedding dress. An interactive 360 photo booth from Platinum Tier Events was enjoyed by the reception guests. The couple had a sparkler exit with fireworks from TNT Fireworks. Mezzy Paintings did a live painting of the couple from the ceremony. Bridal portraits were done by the bride's dear friends Lindsy Balentine and Kayla Burgess of PBK Studio.

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

Photos by Daniel Powell and PBK Studio





Rickman, Beede

Katelyn Andrew Rickman and Ryland Jacob Beede were married June 22, 2024 in a 6:00 evening ceremony at Danclay Farms in Florence. Randy Harris of Fayette officiated the ceremony, and a reception followed at Danclay Farms.

The bride is the daughter of Doug and Tammy Rickman of Muscle Shoals. She is the granddaughter of Jan Dougless and the late Doyle Dougless, and the late Connie Rickman, all of Tusculumbia.

The groom is the son of Bruce Beede and the late Jackie Beede of Fayette. He is the grandson of the late Joseph and Jacquelyn Disselkoen of Bedford, Texas.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a beautiful white fitted gown with matching veil from Bella's Bridal in Hoover, and carried a bouquet of white roses.

Maids of honor were Morgan Crouch and Kristen Kirkpatrick, both friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Rachael Cowan, Jordan Pyatt, Jordan Morrow, and Sydney King, all friends of the bride. Flower girl was Mattie Wimberly.

Best man was Kory Adams, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Preston Jones, Seth Stough, Parker Nichols, Tristan Nichols, and Josh Kissire, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Levi Beede, nephew of the groom.

Wedding director was Kristi Sockwell. Floral designer was Justin Myrick. Music for the ceremony was performed by violinist Susie Shortt, and Truth Bomb Entertainment provided the reception entertainment. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet, the wedding cake was made by Laura Senecal of Sweetwater Bakery, and the groom's cookie cake was made by Autumn Thomas of Cookies By the Season. Hair stylist was Ashley Cassel and make up artist was Savana Vinson. Photographer was Emily Clemons.

The couple spent their honeymoon at the Atmosphere Kanifushi Resort in the Maldives. They are now residing in Birmingham.

Photos by Emily Clemons

Bailey, Connor





Marlee Lora Bailey and Casen Hipp Connor were married October 5, 2024 at 4:30 in the afternoon at Old Grace Church in Sheffield with Pastor Steve Huskey officiating. The reception was held at George's 217 following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Melissa Bailey of Lexington. The groom is the son of Chris and Gina Connor of Tullahoma, Tenn.

For the ceremony, the bride chose an Essense of Australia gown purchased at The Something Blue Shoppe, along with Jimmy Choo Aurelie shoes. Her reception dance dress was from Catchall, and her hip-hop attire was custom Golden Geoses purchased by the groom as a present.

Wedding directors were Kinsley West and Rita Black. Floral designer was Justin Myrick. Music for the ceremony was provided by pianist Belinda Michael and Fine Era Productions provided reception entertainment. George's 217 catered the dinner reception. The wedding cake was made by Chrissie Hamner and the wedding cake pop favors were made by Sweet Tooth Treats. Hair stylist was Abbie Lee Hair Company and make up artist was Make-up by Macy and Mar. Special thanks to Bridget Hanback and Rita Black for their help. Photographer was Laklin Brooke Photography and videographer was TB Productions.

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

Photos by Laklin Brooke Photography



Wedding Party: We decided to not do a wedding party! Casen and I have been looking forward to this day since college and wanted to keep the ceremony intimate with a focus on just the two of us and our union.

Wedding Details: My goal in the planning process was to keep things as traditional and old school as possible. My mother raised me to appreciate classic, southern traditions and I wanted my wedding to reflect just that. When my mother and I went to visit Old Grace Church we knew it was the perfect place to make my dream church wedding come true. By incorporating details such as a pianist who played hymns and classical genre while guests were seated and a receiving line after the ceremony to greet all of our guests, my vision for a traditional, intimate church ceremony came true. I told my florist, Justin Myrick, that I wanted the church and reception to feel like a "white cloud" and he did just that, going above and beyond my imagination, he was truly fabulous.

The second aspect that I knew I wanted for my wedding was a fabulous party for the reception! After being announced and preceding with the traditional dances, my brother (Ross Bailey) who is my childhood best friend and dance partner decided to surprise all of our guests with a choreographed Hip-Hop dance routine! This was truly one of my favorite parts of the reception! It was so much fun and got the crowd excited and on the dance floor!

After changing from my hip-hop dancing attire, I changed into my dancing dress! I also changed hairstyles to a sleek high ponytail to complement my halter dance dress! We danced for hours with all of our guests, capturing memories in the photo booth, genuinely having the best time of our lives. To end the night, our guest lined up for a petal toss send off! We drove away in a baby blue 1964 Buick Skylark excited to honeymoon in Hawaii!

Elevated Aisles is a new company that specializes in making hand painted monogrammed aisle runners. They created my dream gold foil painted monogrammed aisle runner that served as the centerpiece of my ceremony.

For Petes Sake Pottery - Hand painted custom vases

Champagne Wall - Sparkling Moments

Punch bowl - I used my great-grandmother's antique crystal punch bowl to serve our custom cocktail "the yellowhammer" served with floating fruit rings

Our Story: Casen and I met in August of 2019 during our first semester of nursing school at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. We had the same lab together and chose one another as lab partners. It wasn't long after we started spending everyday together and began dating on October 25, 2019. We went through all the challenges that nursing school brings and became one another's ride or die. From practicing taking our first blood pressure readings on each other to taking our first jobs together as nurses working in the intensive care unit, we have been by each other's side each step of the way. Every up and down has brought us closer and we can truly say in many ways we have had the opportunity to grow up together and grow in God together which is the most important part of our relationship. We are thankful for everyone who has loved and invested time into us and our relationship. We are now both back in school pursuing our careers and love of medicine. I am currently in my 4th semester pursuing my Nurse Practitioner degree at the University of Alabama and Casen is starting his journey as a Nurse Anesthetist at the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Anesthesia. October 5th was genuinely the happiest day of our lives and we are so thankful for the overwhelming amount of love we received.





Russell, Moody



Candice Russell and Addam Moody were married March 24, 2024 at 4:00 in the afternoon at Danclay Farms in Florence. Addam and Candice's pastor, Caleb Chambers from Church of the Highlands, The Shoals Campus, officiated the ceremony. The reception followed at Danclay Farms.

The bride is the daughter of Stan and Karen Russell of Wilsonville, Ore., and the granddaughter of Sylvia Russell of Wilsonville, Ore. The groom is the son of Allen and Agnes Moody of Florence.

The bride wore a beautiful white satin gown that featured interchangeable sleeves - Juillietta sleeves for the ceremony and spaghetti straps for the reception. The gown and matching veil were purchased from Vow'd in Nashville.

Maid of honor was Stephanie Campbell and matron of honor was Sarah Otteson, best friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Juli Russell, sister-in-law of the bride; Audry Badeaux and Alana Jackson, sisters of the groom. Flower girls were Alexa Condello and Kaia Condello, friends of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, Allen Moody. Groomsmen were Alex Moody and Jonathan Moody, brothers of the groom; Nick Badeaux and Jeremy Jackson, brothers-in-law of the groom. Ring bearers were Max Badeaux, nephew of the groom, and Brooks Condello, friend of the bride.

Floral designer was Susan Brown, aunt of the bride. The reception was catered by Jennifer Lewis of Simply Southern Catering, and the wedding cake was made by Cakes x Kayla, Candice's friend who traveled all the way from Oregon and made the cake in Addam's kitchen. Reception entertainment was provided by Addam's friends and family, who put together a band just for the wedding, led by Will Claytor. The bride's hair and make-up were styled by artist Tori Treadway from Beauty Loft by Reagan. Photographer was Daniel Powell.

The couple spent their honeymoon at The Grande in Fairhope, Ala., and then traveled to Mexico and Hawaii later that summer. They are now residing in Florence.

Photos by Daniel Powell



Minor, Stern



Overlooking the serene Tennessee River, Jordan Minor and Noah Stern's wedding at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course at the Shoals was a timeless celebration of love and elegance. Held at 4:00 p.m., the stunning venue provided a perfect backdrop for their special day, where natural beauty met sophisticated style.

The bride is the daughter of Derrick and Christine Minor. The groom is the son of Keith and Deb Stern.

Jordan, radiant in her Cherry Tree Lane gown, was beautifully styled by Corey Nichols (make-up) and Ashley Cassel of Sublime Hair Studio (hair). She walked down an aisle adorned with lush florals by Justin Myrick and Carmalita Coan. Bridesmaids in emerald green and Noah's sharp groomsmen added a vibrant yet refined touch to the occasion.

The heartfelt exchange of vows brought both laughter and tears, setting the tone for an unforgettable evening. Guests danced into the night to DJ Gus Spears of Universal Event Services, enjoying a delicious menu catered by Robert Trent Jones and a stunning cake by Yummies Bakery.

Surrounded by loved ones, including adorable flower girls and ring bearers, Jordan and Noah, who began their love story in 2019, created a day filled with joy, love, and cherished memories.

Captured beautifully by Rebekah Photography and BB Media, their wedding will long be remembered as a celebration of love, family, and togetherness.

Photos by Rebekah Photography







*Lowery,
Wynn*

Presleigh Rose Lowery and Chase Edward Wynn chose October 6, 2024 for their wedding. Vows were exchanged in a 5:00 afternoon ceremony at The Lakes Venue in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. with Pastor Leisa Nelson officiating. The reception followed at The Lakes.

The bride is the daughter of Corey and Jennifer Lowery of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Paula Beasley and the late Jimmy Beasley of Florence, and Starlon and Jeannie Lowery of Muscle Shoals.

The groom is the son of Cary and Tammy Wynn of Florence. He is the grandson of the late Thomas and Norma Wynn of College Park, Ga., and the late Roy and Evelyn Hunt of Florence.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a beautiful off-the-shoulder satin gown with a fitted, jeweled bodice. The gown, matching veil, and earrings were from Birch on Main. The bride wore a short gown for the reception, purchased from Promenade. The wedding's themes were elegant, traditional, and timeless with the color scheme being black, gold, and ivory.

Matron of honor was Alyssa Stephens, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kyndall Merryman, cousin of the bride; Sydney Harraway and Suncieria Buckmon, friends of the bride; and Madeline Lowery, sister-in-law of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Cannon Wynn, niece of the groom. Flower girl was Alivia Bailey, friend of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, Cary Wynn. Groomsmen were Michael Wynn and Barrett Wynn, brothers of the groom; Tucker Wilsdorf, Tanner Boyd, and Chase Hunt, friends of the groom; and Logan Lowery, brother of the bride. Junior groomsman was Max Merryman, cousin of the bride. Ring bearers were Walker Wynn and Wilks Wynn, nephews of the groom, and Jeremiah Lowery, nephew of the bride.

Wedding director was Kristi Sockwell. Floral designer was David Christopher's. Music was provided by Ben Heinkel and Chad Burdine. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet Catering, and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by The Cakery Co. The light up marquee letters were provided by Trey's Balloon Bar. Hair stylist and make up artist was Tori Treadway. Photographer was Rebekah Photography and videographer was Awaken Films.

A beautiful rehearsal dinner was held at Keestone Resort in Loretto, Tenn., hosted by the groom's parents.

For their honeymoon, the couple took a Royal Caribbean cruise to the Bahamas and Coco Cay. They are now residing in Florence.

Photos by Rebekah Photography



Gough, Sadler





Bailey Jane Gough and Blake Harrison Sadler were married May 18, 2024 at 5:30 in the afternoon in a beautiful outdoor ceremony held at Turtle Point Yacht & Country Club with Rev. Brandon Miles officiating. The reception followed at Turtle Point.

The bride is the daughter of William Gough, Jr. (Bill) and Vanessa Gough of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Jane Gough and the late William Gough, Sr. of Florence, and Barry Jones and the late Brenda Jones of Center Star.

The groom is the son of Taffy and Alex Matheny of Huntsville, and Cary Sadler of Madison. He is the grandson of Wayne and Pat Lamon of Huntsville, Donald and Molly Sadler of Madison, Julia Vess of Huntsville, and Lynne Matheny and the late Herschel Matheny of Huntsville.

The bride was escorted by her father. Her gown is named "Florence," designed by Made with Love and purchased at Lovely Bride ATL. She completed her look with Badgley Mischka shoes and earrings by Nadri.

Maid of honor was Tiffany Edwards and matron of honor was Natalie Putman, both best friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Keiley Benefield, Wellsley Cope-lan, Amy Clark, Emily Stone, Emma Ellard, and Katie Kimbrough, all friends of the bride.

Best men were Bennett Matheny, brother of the groom, and Mike Hubbard, best friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Rob Smith, Tucker Norris, Andrew Batson, Alex Gaither, Whitt Watts, Gareth Tremege, all friends of the groom.

Wedding coordinator was Courtney Burton of Courtney Burton Events. Floral designer was Susan Rowe from Flori Design Co. Harpist Kathryn Hoppe-McQueen provided music for the ceremony, and reception entertainment was provided by the band We Got The Beat from Atlanta. Turtle Point catered the reception, and the wedding cake and groom's cake were provided by Celena Grant from Celena Grant Cake Co. Party Pros provided the custom stage for the ceremony and all other rentals. Iconic Dream Cars, LLC provided the getaway car and driver, and Anchor Transportation provided charter buses for the guests to and from the Marriott Hotel. Mandi Beavers was the hair stylist. Photographer was Madison Martin Photography and videographer was Awaken Films.

For their honeymoon, the couple spent a week at the all-inclusive resort Sonesta Ocean Point in Saint Maarten. They now reside in Ocala, Florida, but eventually want to return close to home.

"Blake and I met our freshman year at Auburn University during spring break in Destin, Fla. We started dating in college, continued long-distance for four years, and were together for five before getting married!"

Our wedding had a modern yet timeless black-and-white theme with light pink accents. Many of our guests stayed at the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa, where we arranged welcome bags with a schedule and refreshments. We also provided complimentary transportation to and from the wedding for those staying at the Marriott.

Our ceremony was lakeside with a beautiful view and a custom-built stage. Cock-tail hour and dinner were held outdoors under a tent featuring signature drinks with custom tags while Blake and I enjoyed a private dinner. After dinner and the father-of-the-bride speech, we moved inside for cake and dancing. We ended the night with a private dance before our grand exit, leaving in a white Bentley."

Photos by Madison Martin Photography



*Starks,
Vandiver*





Lillian Raine Starks and Jacob Bryant Vandiver were married October 12, 2024 in a 4:30 afternoon ceremony held at Tuscumbia First Baptist Church with Ismael Pruitt officiating. The reception followed at Locust Hill.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Keith and Lori Malone of Tuscumbia, and Clarence and Catherine Starks of Kalispell, Mont. She is the granddaughter of Clarence and Linda Starks of Moulton, and the late Carolyn Wiggins of Rayville, La.

The groom is the son of Jason and Jennifer Vandiver of Tuscumbia. He is the grandson of Ronald Crow, Sr. and the late Janice Crow of Tuscumbia, and Joe and Margie Vandiver of Muscle Shoals.

The bride chose an ivory gown and matching veil from Cherry Tree Lane's private collection. Toni Samuel and the crew at Victory Bridals did the dress alterations and custom reconstruction of the skirt. She also wore a custom pearl necklace, bracelet, and earrings, gifted to the bride by her uncle, Randall Wiggins.

Maid of honor was Jordan Starks, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Canaan Starks, Madeline Malone, Marianne Malone, sisters of the bride; Christina Starks, sister-in-law of the bride; Kiley Gardner and Madelyn Wiggins, cousins of the bride; and Allison Gailey, friend of the bride. Flower girl was Calla Bleu Perreault, niece of the bride. Guest book attendants were Katelyn Starks and Kolby Starks.

Best man was the groom's father, Jason Vandiver. Groomsmen were Jaxton Vandiver, brother of the groom; Mason Turner, Carson Word, Caleb Willis, John Michael McCollister, all friends of the groom; Ron Crow, uncle of the groom; and Jacob Starks, brother of the bride.

Wedding director was Kristi Nix Sockwell and floral designer was Cindy Harrison. Janie Wallace provided music for the ceremony and DJ Snix entertained guests at the reception. The reception at Locust Hill was catered by Jeff Burgess, and the groom's cake was made by Samantha Montgomery of The Mustard Seed Bakery. Hair stylist was Ashley Cassel and make up artist was Corey Nichols. Photographer and videographer was Scotland Simpkins.

For their honeymoon, the couple stayed at the Sandals South Coast Resort in Jamaica. They are now residing in Tuscumbia.

"Jacob and I were introduced to each other by a mutual friend. I said immediately after our first date 'I think I just met my husband!' For more than ten years, we have lived in the same neighborhood without any knowledge of each other. We both believe it was God's perfect timing that we met when we did. Jesus' love and faithfulness have been so evident through our entire relationship. We are thankful and blessed to be so loved by our friends and family, who made our wedding day very special!"

Photos by Scotland Simpkins





Lindsey, Conner



Caroline Lindsey and Jackson Conner were married December 14, 2024. Vows were exchanged at 5:00 in the afternoon at Rhodes Landing in Florence with Trey Kitchings officiating. Their's was the first wedding held at this beautiful new venue.

The bride is the daughter of Brian and Dana Lindsey of Tuscumbia. She is the granddaughter of the late Edward and Carol Underwood of Tuscumbia, and Maedru Lindsey and the late Billy Lindsey of Muscle Shoals.

The groom is the son of Jeff Conner and Lisa Conner of Alabaster. He is the grandson of Robert Conner of Orange Beach, Jimm and Sharon Sides of Chelsea, and Neal and Beverly Sangilantonio of Alabaster.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose a beautiful gown with matching veil and earrings from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle.

Maid of honor was Meredith Lindsey, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Abby Barnes and Mallory Underwood, cousins of the bride; Sydney Ellis, Caroline Sockwell, Makenna Chapman, Sarah Gross, Sydney Wilson, Maddie Mitchell, all friends of the bride; and Mackenzie Faulkner, sister-in-law of the bride. Flower girl was Norah Upshaw, cousin of the bride.

Best men were Jeff Conner, father of the groom, and Will Conner, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Connor Romanowski, Lance Johnson, John Curtis Goolsby, Austin Akins, Layton Waldrop, Sam Pearce, and Brooks Willemoes, all friends of the groom. Ring bearers were Elliott Broschinski and Liam Upshaw, cousins of the bride.

Wedding director was Kristi Nix Sockwell and floral designer was Cindy Harrison. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by Shawn Nix, DJ SNIX. The reception at Rhodes Landing was catered by Southern Skillet, and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Citrus + Sage. Hair stylist was Beauty Loft by Reagan and make up artist was Blushing Bride Artistry by Faith Ezzell. Photographer was Mackenzie Rue Photography and videographer was Awaken Films. Other special helpers were Santa Creel, LLC.

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

Photos by Mackenzie Rue Photography





Horton, Brown

Presleigh Horton and William Brown were married November 9, 2024 at 3:00 in the afternoon in a beautiful outdoor ceremony held at Harvest Hollow Venue and Farm with Matthew Griffin officiating. The reception followed at Harvest Hollow.

The bride is the daughter of Erin and Kevin Knight of Florence and Darrin and Meghan Horton, of Collinwood, Tenn. The groom is the son of Jillian Cooke Taylor and Casey Taylor of Savannah, Tenn.

The bride chose a beautiful off the shoulder gown in white satin from Cherry Tree Lane in Florence. Blue and white was the color palette that the bride chose for the wedding with each bridesmaid picking their own personal style dress.

The maid of honor was Cheyenne Vickery, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Grace Ann Watkins, Abby Gilbert, Kristy Mullaly, Destiny Osborne, Sarah Simon, all friends of the bride, and Emma Brown, the groom's sister. Landree Beckham, cousin of the bride, was the junior bridesmaid. The bride's special gramma, Charlotte Self Horton, and the groom's special granny, Kimberly Collins-Salcido, were unforgettable as flower grannies.

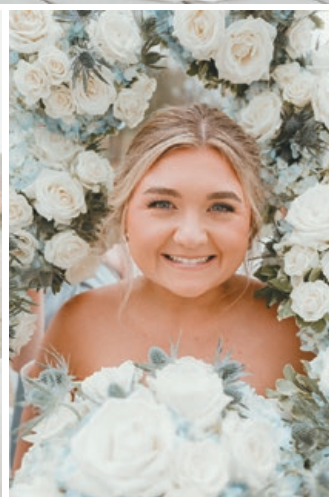
Best Man was Walker Brown, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were River Tharp, Jim Roberts, Dylan Moore, Drew White Jacob Short, John Baggett, and Bryce Palmer, all friends of the groom. Reeland Beckham, cousin of the bride was the ring bearer.

Floral Designer and Event Planner was Marla Stooksberry Davenport, Florence, the bride's great-aunt. Wedding director was Julia Stooksberry, the bride's aunt. The reception was catered by Simply Yaya Catering, and the wedding cake was made by Gingerhead Bakery, Florence. Kelli Beckham, the bride's aunt, of Revelationz Studio of Hair, did everyone's hair for the wedding. The make up artist was Make Up by Savana. Photographer was Allie Grace Chapin of Grace Photography, and videographers were Aaron C. Bowman and Savannah Reece.

Blue hydrangeas and white roses were the main flowers, with blue and white jar vases and gold candle holders decorating all the tables. The bride's mom and family came together to create a dream wedding.

After a honeymoon at Disney World in Orlando, Fla., the couple is now residing in Huntsville.

Photos by Grace Photography





*Saylor,
Latta*



Ellie Saylor and Briggs Latta were married November 23, 2024. Vows were exchanged at 5:30 in the afternoon at Highland Baptist Church in Florence with Dr. John Brock officiating.

The bride is the daughter of John and Stephanie Saylor of Muscle Shoals. She is the granddaughter of Tommy and Becky Bradford of Killen, and Ruth Saylor and the late Arthur Saylor of Muscle Shoals.

The groom is the son of Michael and Brent Latta of Vestavia Hills. He is the grandson of Brian and Katherine Willett of Hoover, and Phillip and Paulette Latta of Columbia, S.C.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a Robert Bullock full lace gown with gloves and veil from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartsville.

Ellie was attended by Maggie Tubbs as maid of honor, along with bridesmaid's Ragan Bursleson, Zoe Wynn, Rachel Nadeau-Ferguson, friends of the bride and Bradford Latta, sister of the groom. Avery Holden and Ella Kate Miller cousins of the bride and groom were in attendance as junior bridesmaids. The flower girls were Mary Allen Keene and Madelyn Taylor, cousins of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, Michael Latta. Groomsmen were Watson Latta and Wells Latta, brothers of the groom; Crawford Saylor, brother of the bride; and Christian Ferguson, friend of the groom. Ring bearers were Holden Taylor, cousin of the bride, and Adam Willett, cousin of the groom.

Wedding planner was Kelli Brown, and floral designer was Cindy Harrison. Ceremony music was provided by Kim Nelson. The reception at Pickett on Court was catered by Southern Skillet Catering and The Kirkman Trio entertained the guests. The wedding cake was made by Julie Becker at The Cakery Co. Hair stylists were Susan Blasingame and Lindsey Robinson. Photographer was Rebekah Handley of Rebekah Photography.

For their honeymoon, the couple stayed at The Bungalows Key Largo in the Florida Keys. They are now residing in Birmingham.

"Close family friends hosted me a wonderful bridal shower at Historic Mapleton in downtown Florence, AL on October the 5th. It was the most wonderful location for a shower! The ladies of Highland Baptist Church also hosted me a beautiful shower prior to the wedding. I grew up going to Highland Baptist Church, so it was very special to be married in the church where I was baptized and came to know the Lord. Friends and family of the groom also hosted a lovely couples party/shower for us in Birmingham.

Briggs and I met while serving at a retreat for incoming freshmen at University of Alabama. We clicked instantly and began dating shortly after the beginning of our junior year in 2022. We knew that we wanted to get married early on in our relationship, and we are so blessed to be able to build our lives together! It was so special getting to experience our last two years of college together, and we are so excited to see what is in store for this new chapter of life."

Photos by Rebekah Photography





*Statom,
Nalbach*



Morgan Statom and Nathanael Peter Nalbach were married May 18, 2024 at 6:00 in the evening at the Statom family lake home in Waterloo. The outdoor lakeside ceremony was officiated by Brother Matthew Buerhaus, the bride's childhood youth minister.

The bride is the daughter of Josh and Tracy Statom of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Jo and Tommy Burcham of Muscle Shoals, and the late John Price and Alice Statom of Cloverdale.

The groom is the son of Marcia Fabry of Decatur and Peter Nalbach of Newton Falls, Ohio. He is the grandson of the late Sam and Mary Fabry of Warren, Ohio, and the late Clayton and Gertrude Nalbach of Newton Falls, Ohio.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a beautiful long sleeved white gown with lace, sequins and beads, and a matching cathedral length lace veil. She also wore a hair brooch, borrowed from her sister, along with her "something blue", a blue piece of her baby's blanket stitched inside a layer of the wedding gown by the bride's sister.

Maid of honor was Janie Beth West, friend of the bride, and matron of honor was Megan Statom Holderfield, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Haylee Joiner, Hannah Joiner, Michaela Faires, and Miranda Broaddrick, all friends of the bride. Flower girl was Piper Corley, friend of the couple.

Best man was Grant Miller, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Wesley Waldrop, Eric Swinford, Christopher Sovacool, all friends of the groom; Turner Holderfield, brother-in-law of the bride; and Garret Statom, brother of the bride. Ring bearers were Tripp Corley and Hudson Broaddrick, friends of the couple.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumley. Floral designer was Will and Dee's Florist. Music for the ceremony and the reception entertainment was provided by Jacob Adams and Gus Spears of Universal Event Services. The reception held at the family lake home was catered by Rebecca and Lance Uhlman, and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Gingerhead Bakery. Hair stylist was Molly Chapin and make up artist was Megan Holderfield, sister of the bride. The rings were chosen from Creative Jewelers in Florence. Photographer was Rebekah Handley of Rebekah Photography, and videographer was Al Hammond of Awaken Films. Other special helpers were Celistia Davis, and countless family and friends. Special thanks to Sam Gaskins for providing the "getaway car."

For their honeymoon, the couple spent a week in Whitehouse, Jamaica. They are now residing in Florence.

Photos by Rebekah Photography





*Sanders,
Stewart*



Macy Elizabeth Sanders and Franklin (Frankie) Terrell Stewart were married on December 9, 2023 at Danclay Farms French country estate venue in Florence, Ala., at 6:00 in the evening, with Justin Shelby officiating. A reception dinner and dancing followed the ceremony at Danclay Farm's carriage house.

The bride is the daughter of John and Monica Sanders of Lawrenceburg, Tenn. She is the granddaughter of Charles Sanders and the late Ella Mae Sanders and R.A. and Nora Carvell, both passed.

The groom is the son of Darrell and Sabrina Green and Paul and Deetra Stewart. He is the grandson of Fred and Gail Morrow and Frank and Linda Stewart.

The bride was escorted by her father and wore a custom-designed Olia Zavozina strapless dress with puff sleeves and unique custom-designed details, making her dress a one-of-a-kind creation. Her floor-length veil was her "something borrowed" from her sister and matron of honor, Morgan Tittle. Teri Shackelford, owner of Mansion and Marsh Floral and Event Design, created her beautiful rose bouquet that held a special prayer bible, which is a traditional heirloom in her family. The bride and bridal party had makeup and hair by Beauty Loft by Reagan.

The bride and groom love the month of December and wanted to marry in a traditional, whimsical Christmas ceremony with family and friends. Christmas is such a special time and the bride and groom chose to have a Christmas dinner catered by Pat's Cafe Catering Company of Lawrenceburg, Tenn. Dinner was served on heirloom china, making the evening even more special. Dessert followed dinner with the bride's five-tier cake, custom created by Cindy's Sweet Pleasures, and the groom's golf-themed cake, created by Yummies Bakery. DJ Hunter Jackson welcomed the happy couple to the dance floor with a rendition of "Rocky Top" and "Sweet Home Alabama" as a nod to their different home states (and preferred football teams). The day of coordinator was Cecilia Brumley and the venue was decorated by family and friends Tiby Ferguson, Daphene Cope, Teri Shackelford, and Juana Cruz. Photography by April Warhurst, owner of Bluebird Redbirds photography, and Videography by Rated TG Productions. The rehearsal dinner was held at Danclay Farms the night before and was hosted by the groom's family.

Frankie's 1967 red Ford sports performance Mustang added a special touch to the evening to send off the happy couple. Frankie and Macy took a honeymoon trip to Exuma, Bahamas. They are now residing in Killen, Ala.

Photos by April Warhurst





Richey, Dever

Anna Cagle Richey and Blake Jeffrey Dever were married September 21, 2024 at 6:00 in the evening at Turtle Point Yacht & Country Club. The beautiful outdoor ceremony was officiated by Frank Mills, and the reception followed at Turtle Point.

The bride is the daughter of Ralph and Juli Richey of Florence. She is the granddaughter of W.T. and Carolyn Akers and Etna Richey and the late Arnold Richey, all of Florence.

The groom is the son of Jeff and Lani Dever of West Palm Beach, Fla. He is the grandson of Donald Dever and the late Barbara Dever of Rochester, Mich., and the late Lenard and Rita Hedman of Boynton Beach, Fla.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose a white strapless floor length, Mikado fit to flare gown with all over lace applique purchased from The White Magnolia. Completing the look was a matching cathedral length veil.

Maid of honor was Caroline Richey, sister of the bride, and matron of honor was Baylee Terry, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Bentley York, Mandi Beavers, Keiley Benefield, Taryn Jones, all friends of the bride; Miranda Gatlin, cousin of the bride; and bridesman Tra Buckmon, friend of the bride. Flower girls were Ellis Brink and Vivian Brink, cousins of the bride.

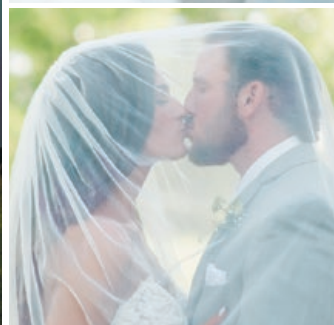
Best man was the groom's father, Jeff Dever. Groomsmen were Tyler Dever, brother of the groom; Cristian Diedor, John Martin Wagner, Cantrell Frazier, Carter Couch, Will Evans, and Rett Files, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Archer Richey, cousin of the bride.

Wedding director was Kristi Nix-Sockwell. Floral designer was Cindy Harrison. Music for the ceremony and the reception entertainment was provided by Not Your Average Party Band. The reception was catered by Turtle Point, and Janice Ezell, cousin of the bride, made the wedding cake and groom's cake. Hair stylists were Mandi Beavers and Mellany Lancaster, and make up artists were Mandi Beavers and Molly McCanless. The couple's stationary was created by Presley Prints. Photographer was Madyson Grace Photography and videographer was Awaken Films. A live artist, Mezzy Paintings, was on site to capture the special day on canvas.

The couple made their grand exit from the reception in a boat on Wilson Lake. They spent their honeymoon at Secrets Cap Cana in Punta Cana, and are now residing in Gulf Breeze, Fla.

Photos by Madyson Grace Photography





Davis, Robinson

Maddie Davis and Tyde Robinson were married May 10, 2024 at 5:00 o'clock in the evening at Harvest Hollow Venue and Farm with Pastor Dusty McLemore, grandfather of the groom, officiating.

The bride was escorted by her father. She is the daughter of Matt and Tiffany Davis of Killen. She is the granddaughter of Teresa and Bo Masonia of Killen and Steve and Janice Holden of Killen, as well as Mike Davis and the late Alicia Davis of Houston, Texas.

The groom is the son of Chuck and Haley Robinson of Athens. He is the grandson of Dusty and Patsy McLemore and Earl and the late Brenda Robinson, all of Athens.

The bride chose the most perfect gown and with tears flowing said yes to the dress at Cherry Tree Lane with alterations done by Mrs. Neal Perry.

Matron of honor was Rebekah Wales, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Claire Ball, sister of the groom, Alexandra Garrett, Elena Dabbs, Joy McDaniel, Ansley Gordon, all friends of the bride, and Haley Holden, cousin of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Dusty Jo Conn, cousin of the groom. Flower girls were Mercy Davis, cousin of the bride, Ivy Jane Robinson, niece of the groom, and Scout Conn, cousin of the groom.

Best man was the groom's father, Chuck Robinson. Groomsmen were Luke Robinson and Chase Robinson, brothers of the groom, Austin Ball, brother-in-law of the groom, Malachi Davis, brother of the bride, Colby Holden, uncle of the bride, Greyson Wales and Bailey O'Dell, friends of the groom. Junior groomsman was Cayden Holden, cousin of the bride, and ring bearer was Connor Holden, cousin of the bride.

Wedding coordinator was Dawn Pettus. Florist was Justin Myrick. Videographer and content was Ace Eaton Designs. Photographer was Keelan Walker Photography. Caterer was St. Joe Cafe. The wedding cake was made by Heathers Cake Creations. Letters decor were provided by Treys Balloon Bar. Our wonderful makeup artist was Savanna Whitt Pugh and stylist was Mackenzie Scoggins. The wonderful DJ from Southern Sound DJ Entertainment provided the music and entertainment. The suits were from Bennett's in Athens. The mother of the bride dress was purchased from The Something Blue Shop.

The most perfect day ended with the most beautiful view of the northern lights. God always has the most PERFECT timing.

For their honeymoon, the couple went to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. They now happily reside in Athens, Ala.

Photos by Keelan Walker Photography



Bishop, Sockwell

Caroline Bishop and Tate Sockwell were married March 16, 2024, at 4:00 in the afternoon with Kirk Bishop, cousin of the bride, officiating. The ceremony and reception were both held at Scottarosa Farms in Phil Campbell.

The bride is the daughter of Britt and Amy Bishop, of Muscle Shoals. She is the granddaughter of the late Douglas and Judy Bishop of Tusculumbia, Gail Terry and the late GH Terry of Muscle Shoals, the late Donny Montgomery of Muscle Shoals.

The groom is the son of Michael and Linda Sockwell of Muscle Shoals, and Tanya and Kitori Baugh of Florence. He is the grandson of Jackie McMurtey of Decatur and the late Ray and Betty Sockwell of Leighton.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a beautiful Madison James gown from Cherry Tree Lane.

Matron of honor was Payton Gray, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Krysten Mellott, Bailey Childers, Scarlett King, Skyler Nichols, Kaylee Buchanan, Kacey Hallmark, Katelynne Owens, Savanna Alexander, Holly Vinson, Sydney Thompson, Maggie Gotcher, Casiday Aday, all friends of the bride. Junior Bridesmaid was Kinsley Baugh, sister of the groom.

Best man was Mike Sockwell, father of the groom. Groomsmen were Jacob Bishop, brother of the bride; Jake Henke, Tyson Childers, Jordan King, Keith Nichols, Dylan Hendrix, Mason Soeder, Jon Owens, Gavin Dickens, Alex Aday, Marc Gotcher, Trey Gargis, all friends of the groom.

Wedding coordinator was Elizabeth Joyner and floral designer was Chase Sparks at Russellville Florist. Music for the ceremony and reception was provided by Kenny Hallmark. Regina Kay Jones catered for the reception, and desserts were made by Stacie Oliver and Emily Holder. Hairstylists were Annabeth Mask and Hailee Austin, both friends of the bride. Make-up was done by Savana Vinson, and Faith Ezell's team. The photographer was Madeline Isbell and the videographer was Bruce Carson.

After a honeymoon in Alaska, the couple is now residing in Leighton.

Photos by Madeline Isbell





Hester, Allen

Kellie Paige Hester and Chase Quinn Allen were married June 8, 2024 at 5:30 in the afternoon at Red Gate Farms in Red Bay with Wesley Mills officiating. The venue was very unique and was created just for this event by the bride's grandparents, who turned their house and property into a venue that was customized for every individual detail of the couple's perfect day.

The bride is the daughter of Josh and Amanda Hester of Red Bay. She is the granddaughter of Kelly Hester and the late Carol Hester of Red Bay, Debbie Young of Red Bay, the late Gerelene Overton of Vina, and Andy Roberson of Vina.

The groom is the son of Joey and Mary Ellen Allen of Red Bay. He is the grandson of Sonny Boyd of Tremont, Miss., Nancy Wilson of Moorville, Miss., the late Henry Allen of Vernon, and the late Barbara Aldridge of Red Bay.

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

Maid of honor was Elizabeth Markham, friend of the bride, and matron of honor was Chloe Allen, sister-in-law of the bride. Bridesmaids were Monica Hester, sister-in-law of the bride; Lindsey McLaughlin, friend of the bride; and Anna Karen Boyd, cousin of the groom. Flower girls were Presley Fowler and Rylee Fowler, nieces of the bride.

Best man was the groom's brother, Chandler Allen. Groomsmen were Skyler Hester, brother of the bride; Kolby Bragwell and Colton Cook, friends of the groom; and Martin Boyd, cousin of the groom. Ring bearer was Eli Fowler, nephew of the bride.

Wedding director was Leah Tucker of Florence. Floral designer was Wild Flowers in Belmont, Miss. The reception was catered by Red Gate Farms, who also made the wedding cake. The groom's cake was made by Cakes by Suzanne. Music for the ceremony and the entertainment at the reception was provided by Kenny Hallmark of Hackelburg. Hair stylist was Amber Bohannon, and make up artists were April Lowery and Morgan Shumaker. Photographer was Cortney Green of Russellville.

The couple spent their honeymoon at Sandals Resort in South Coast Jamaica. They are now residing in Huntsville.

Photos by Cortney Green



Adams, Johnson

Hunter and Heather met in 2019 at the University of North Alabama during fall semester in a history class that they took together. Over the course of the year, they grew to know each other as classmates before going on a date in summer of 2020. They made it official in July of 2020 and the rest is history. Since that wonderful fall day at UNA in 2019, Hunter and Heather have loved and supported each other, Hunter as he began his teaching career, and Heather as she finishes law school.

Heather Adams and Hunter Johnson were married October 19, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the afternoon at LaGrange College Site Park with Troy Skipworth officiating, the couple's former law professor at the University of North Alabama.

The bride is the daughter of Terry and Christina Adams of Leighton. She is the granddaughter of L.C. and Louise Lenz and the late Bill and Anne Adams.

The groom is the son of Tim and Johna Junkins of Meridianville. He is the grandson of Freda Junkins and the late Jerry Junkins, the late Dara Carnell and John Cole, and the late Thelma Johnson and Zurtis Johnson.

Matron of honor was Grace Miller, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Lagan Fuller and Stephanie Monterroso, both friends of the bride. Flower girl was Patsy Cole, aunt of the groom.

Best man was Nik Newell, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Matthew Brown, Kent Terrell, friends of the groom, and Ryan Adams, brother of the bride. Ring bearer was Kamdyn Matthews, nephew of the groom.

Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by Mixed Entertainment. The reception was catered by BlueCoast Burrito. The wedding cake was created by Publix Muscle Shoals and the groom's cake was created by Jill's Sweet Memories. The bride's hair was soft, 1920's waves created by Sandy Maddox at Scissor's Salon. Photographer Kami Whaley of Kami Whaley Photography captured the moments of the evening as well as beautiful portraits of the newlyweds. The bride's dress was from Cherry Tree Hill Formals. The mother of the bride's dress was from Emmanuel Furniture and Varieties. The groom's, groomsmen's, and fathers' suits were from Coats Clothing.

The couple plans on honeymooning in Ireland after the bride takes the Bar Exam this summer. The couple resides in Birmingham.

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*Hannah,
Davis*





Mollie Hannah and Jackson Davis were married March 2, 2024 at 4:30 in the afternoon at Pickett Place in Florence. Damon Williamson, family friend of the groom, officiated the ceremony and a reception followed at Pickett Place.

The bride is the daughter of Scotty and Jan Hannah of Florence. The groom is the son of Lee and Lisa Davis of Muscle Shoals.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose a beautiful Stella York gown with a bow detail in the back from The Something Blue Shoppe, along with a matching veil.

Maid of honor was Hannah Whitten, best friend of the bride. Flower girls were Arleigh Hannah, niece of the bride, and Lottie Davis, niece of the groom. Best man was the groom's brother, Graham Davis.

Wedding director was Blair Garner. Floral designer was Hart Floristry by Raleigh Hart, childhood friend of the bride. The reception was catered by Jill's Sweet Memories, and The Midnighters provided the entertainment. Hair stylist was Tabitha Hanson with Revalationz Hair Salon, and make up artist was Brooklyn Hamilton with Beauty Loft by Reagan. Photographer was Keelan Walker Photography and videographer was Daniel Powell.

The rehearsal dinner was held George's Steakhouse, hosted by the groom's parents.

The couple honeymooned at the Excellence El Carmen Resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. They are now residing in Sheffield.

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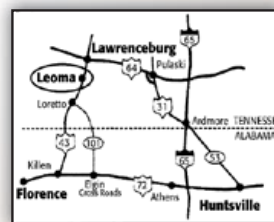
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