

### **How did you 2 meet?**

Kyle and I met on a website for college students called collegeclub.com. This was a social networking website similar to MySpace and Facebook but just for college students. Kyle and I both attended the same college so I found Kyle on the website by looking through many students, read through his profile and was interested in him when he said that he was "hardworking yet easy going". So I decided to send him a short email just saying hi. He emailed me back and we quickly started talking on Instant messenger. One day on Instant messenger he asked me where I lived and being smart I told him that I wasn't going to tell him but he told me where he lived which is quite funny because we ended up living in the same neighborhood just down the street from each other! I was completely shocked at the time but living nearby each other made it nice when we started dating!

So finally, after a lot of talking on the internet, we decided to meet at the school library. We set a time and I told Kyle what I was going to wear so he would be able to find me. Well I decided the morning of our meeting to change my outfit to something different and didn't tell Kyle. So when we were supposed to meet that day we didn't end up meeting because we couldn't find each other. So we tried to meet again. I asked him if he would like to come over to my friend's house but then at the last minute got scared and changed my mind. However, he didn't get the message that I changed my mind and showed up at her house anyway. It was quite a surprise and we spoke for a little while and then he went home. So by this time Kyle was getting a little upset that our meetings are not working out quite well. The last time we tried to meet was a Friday night and I was supposed to go out with my friends but afterward I called him and we met at a Denny's for coffee and dessert. After that night we were together as much as possible.

### **What was it that attracted you to each other? (personality, looks, eyes, quirks...you get the idea)**

I was attracted to Kyle's humor. He is always making me laugh and we always have little inside jokes with each other. Kyle has always made me feel like we are not only a couple but we are a team working with each other to get through the hard stuff in life.

### **How long were you together before the proposal?**

Kyle and I were together about 8 ½ years before we got engaged! Kyle attended and graduated from law school within that time and we wanted to finish school prior to getting married. We didn't get engaged in a fancy way. I had bugged Kyle for many years about getting married and of course our

families were getting impatient because they wanted to see us married. So last July my 30<sup>th</sup> birthday was coming up in August and I was feeling old. Kyle asked what I wanted for my birthday and I told him "I really want to get married" so we decided to get married. However, he told me that I couldn't tell anyone until I had an engagement ring. Well luckily my Mom was out of town and I couldn't get a hold of her quickly because I would have spilled the beans right then (I'm terrible at keeping secrets). So the day after we decided I asked Kyle impatiently, "have you looked at rings yet?" and of course he hadn't and I was bored on summer break so I got on the internet and looked at rings. A couple of days after we went ring shopping and found the perfect ring and we were finally able to tell everyone about our engagement.

**How did you pick your location?**

I knew that I wanted a garden wedding because Kyle and I enjoy being outdoors. I looked at different places online that had garden settings and I fell in love with Kimberly Crest in Redlands. I made a list of places to visit but went to Kimberly Crest first and fell in love with it. I love the garden setting, the unique look of Kimberly Crest house and the koi ponds. The wedding coordinator at Kimberly Crest, Katherine, also won me over with her knowledge of excellent wedding vendors and the way she knew how to conduct a wedding at Kimberly Crest.

**What were your colors and why did you choose them?**

Our colors were dusty rose and green. I love pink and I wanted another color that would look good for a May wedding so I chose green. The bridesmaids dresses were green with a pink bow and the groomsmen wore black tuxes with green vests.

**What was that "something special" that you loved about your dress, making it "the one!"?**

I knew my dress was "the one" when I put it on and it didn't weigh a ton. I had tried on a few dresses by then and most of them were so heavy that I felt tired just from walking. When I put on my dress I felt so comfortable and pretty. I also loved the little details of the dress in the stitching and sequencing and the unique style to the back of the dress.

**Did you have help planning your wedding? If so, who?**

My Mom provided so much help with this wedding and I could NOT have done any of the planning without her! My bridesmaids were amazing and my Mom's friend Lyn helped tremendously!

**What was the most exciting part about planning your special day?**

While planning our wedding I was also getting my masters degree so I felt like I had a limited amount of time to plan the wedding. However, I think the most exciting part of planning our day was dress shopping! I had waited so long to shop for a wedding dress and I loved trying the dresses on. I didn't have to look too long because I found my dress at the second place that I looked. I also really enjoyed creating the centerpieces the day before the wedding. My Mom and I went down to the L.A. flower mart and purchased the flowers at a great price and created beautiful centerpieces.

**What did you look forward to the most?**

While planning the wedding I was really looking forward to our wedding day. However, I just really wanted to be married. After 8 ½ years of waiting I was so ready to be Kyle's wife! I was so excited on the day of the wedding and I couldn't wait to see Kyle and say our vows in front of all of our friends and family.

**What was your most memorable experience of your wedding?**

The most memorable experience was the father daughter dance because my Dad and I took dance lessons and had a dance routine set to the Beatles song, Michelle. This was very special because my Dad and I are NOT dancers but we had so much fun spending time together before the wedding preparing for this special moment and we also rocked the dance floor on that day! I will also remember the moment my Grandparents decided to dance at my wedding. This is such a special memory because when my Grandparents were younger they were excellent dancers and it was so fun to see them out on the dance floor, dancing away.

**Looking back, what might you have changed?**

I enjoyed everything about the actual wedding day but I really stressed out when it came to planning the wedding. I wish I would have enjoyed the planning part of the wedding because it only happens once in a lifetime.

**Do you have any comments about your vendors?**

My vendors were awesome! Michelle's bakery in Redlands has amazing tasty cakes! Our wonderful photographers, Imagery Concepts, are so much fun to work with. Plus we have awesome engagement and wedding pictures that I love to show off to everyone! Our DJ was very entertaining and kept the flow of the reception moving.

**If you took a honeymoon, where did you go?**

We went to Las Vegas for our honeymoon. Many people would think this is a cheesy or strange place to go on your honeymoon but Kyle and I love Vegas and we had a great time.

**Is there a question we forgot? Fill us in!**

Advice for future brides! Make sure you provide your minister or wedding officiant with specific directions on what you want to occur during your ceremony. Discuss with your fiancé and plan what you want to include in your ceremony prior to meeting with the minister or officiant. Do not assume that your minister or officiant knows what you want without providing them with details. A little bit of planning now will ensure a successful ceremony for your wedding.