

A Bride's Story

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Jillian & Mike

How did you 2 meet? The First time we met was at a costume party. My friend Steph had been telling me about him, but I really wasn't interested in dating anyone at the time. At the party her husband paul introduced me to him and left me alone with him... I sat down and said "Nice to meet you, but this is awkward so I am going to leave now"... It wasn't until about 4 months later that Steph passed away in a riding accident and her twin sister Jenny and I became closer. Jenny pushed and pushed for me to just date him... because I was so sympathetic for her, I thought I would just go on a few dates and make everyone happy. Pretty quickly I found out I really really liked this guy :) Mike also wasn't in a place that he really wanted to see anyone... and he soon found too that he couldn't live without me.

What was it that attracted you to each other? (personality, looks, eyes, quiriness...you get the idea!) On our first date, Mike was still in his work clothes, slacks and a colored shirt... I thought he looked incredibly handsome in nice clothes, and he was such a gentelman. Opened doors for me, offered his jacket if I was cold... it was all the little things. Mike was attracted to my positive attitude and my emence beauty lol.

How long were you together before the proposal? We were together about 2 years.

How did he propose? He planned to propose at my favorite place in the world... Disneyland. He had it all planned out.... a friend was to go to Disneyland with me for the day, and then we were going to walk through the castle and

he was going to be standing there like my prince waiting to take my hand... but I had just had an injection in my knee and was still in some pain from it so I decided going to Disneyland with my friend was a bad idea. He left for work... it was a monday morning... I didn't even notice that he left with tennis shoes on and not dress shoes.. then he called me two hours later and said "get ready we are going to vegas... my Grandma is there helping my mom move and they need some help moving a sofa". I got ready.. but complained that we were driving to vegas to help move a sofa only to turn around and come home. I complained the entire drive out there... We were almost there when his mom called and said they decided to take a break and went to the bellagio to get a drink... so went to the bellagio and couldn't find them anywhere.. finally we went out to the fountain where we were now supposed to meet them. OF COURSE THEY WEREN'T THERE! It was cold and I was frustrated. Mike hugged me and told me how much he loved me and then he kissed my left hand... and I thought "omg is he going to propose?" and then I decided I was just over thinking a nice gesture when he got down on one knee and asked me to marry him! We stayed at the bellagio in a beautiful room that over looked the fountain, and went to a super nice dinner in one of their fancy resturants.

What did you love most about your location ceremony/reception location(s)?

Kimberly crest was amazing for my ceremony... not only were the grounds and the setting completly perfect but Katherine was amazing and made everything so easy.. I didn't have anything to worry about... other then fearing I would trip and fall in the fountain while coming down the aisle. Kimberly crest and went with the garden theme I had going. My cake from michelles bakery was amazing!

Did you have help planning your wedding? If so, who? Mike and I mostly planned everything ourselves... our family helped us with decorating ideas.

Was anything chosen for your wedding that had meaningful significance? We used a classic car which belonged to my Great Auntie Lea... and she had passed away early that year. I also wore her jewelery that day.

What was the most exciting part about planning your special day? For me it was trying on wedding dresses! That was sooooo much fun... but everything as a whole was so much fun..

What was your most memorable experience of your wedding? I would say our first dance... we chose an unusual song.. Por Ti Volare by Andrea Bocelli... that was playing at the Bellagio fountain when Mike proposed to me. The other part was when I came up to the top of the stairs... to walk down the aisle... I was so scared and froze. It took me a minute to stop looking at all my guests and look at mike. Once I saw him I completely relaxed and then I married the most amazing man in the world!

Looking back, what might you have changed? I would have told the sun to find a cloud and not be so hot that day! Other then the heat, I would not have changed a thing... it was perfect.

Do you have any comments about your vendors? my vendors were amazing! Katherine at Kimberly Crest was a huge help to me in every way, and very amazing... Never once did I have a care in the world... and Of course Troy and Marjorie... going above and beyond to make everything about my day perfect... more so then just giving me the most amazing portraits ever! I highl recommend michelles bakery to everyone for any occasion that needs a cake!

Do you have any words of advise to share with new brides? Helpful tips, recommendations, words of encouragement? Don't stress about the little things... if you forget to do

them they weren't important any ways! The only important thing that matters, is getting down that aisle to marry your man!

Thank you for participating! We look forward to sharing your story! Thank you, I look forward to seeing it!