



Kathleen McCahill & Thomas Binge APRIL 14, 2007

As an event planner and former cheerleader with the Roar of the Jaguars, Kathleen has contributed a great deal to the vibrant social life in Jacksonville. While working at a local country club, she met her future husband Tony who was also a club employee and fellow UNF student at the time. They dated throughout college and after graduation, for a total of about six years prior to getting engaged.

Kathleen and Tony are both family-oriented people so when Tony popped the question, it was a family affair. While Tony took Kathleen to the zoo for a day of fun, his parents prepared a hotel room with rose petals, chocolate-covered strawberries and champagne so that he could surprise her. Later, when planning their wedding, Kathleen's first thoughts were of her older brother Francis, who was on a tour of duty in Iraq flying medivac helicopters. Her one stipulation was that the wedding be held when he would be able to come home on leave.

During the wedding ceremony at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Ponte Vedra Beach, the celebrant Monsignor Logan spoke of Kathleen's familial loyalty and how the strong family ties in both the McCahill and Binge clans made a strong imprint on the wedding. This loving atmosphere, combined with the bride's impeccable taste, created a heartwarming and memorable event for everyone involved.

At the reception at the Sawgrass Marriott Resort, nearly 150 guests enjoyed passed hors d'oeuvres, including lobster "martinis," during a cocktail reception with a full open bar. Food stations offered seafood, roast beef and chicken entrées, as well as a variety of complementary sides. A nature theme pervaded the décor which featured centerpieces of fruit and foilage, and table numbers and guest cards made by the groom's mother out of actual tree branches.

Kathleen's Irish heritage was front-and-center at several points during the wedding and reception when, by her request, the DJ played some traditional Irish music and her family quickly took over the dance floor to show everyone how a "jig" was done. In addition to her brother Francis, Kathleen's brothers Patrick, who had just completed officer training at Quantico, and Sean, a recent college graduate, were in attendance, which made for a joyful family reunion. Some of Tony's relatives had traveled all the way from England to celebrate the occasion, welcoming the new side of their family into the fold.

Following the lively reception, the bride and groom jetted away to Hawaii to enjoy a two-week honeymoon and many happy memories of their special day. *J

CREDITS:

Photographer: Laura Evans

Bridal Gown: Melissa Sweet, Malindy Elene bridal shop, St. Petersburg

Bridesmaids' Dresses: Eden Bridals, The Bridal Shop at The Avenues

Groom's Tux: Men's Wearhouse

Flowers: Liz Stewart Floral Designs

Cake & Catering: Sawgrass Marriott Resort

Reception Entertainment: HeartStrings violinists and Footloose Entertainment

Wedding Coordinator: Heather Trimboli, First Coast Weddings & Events