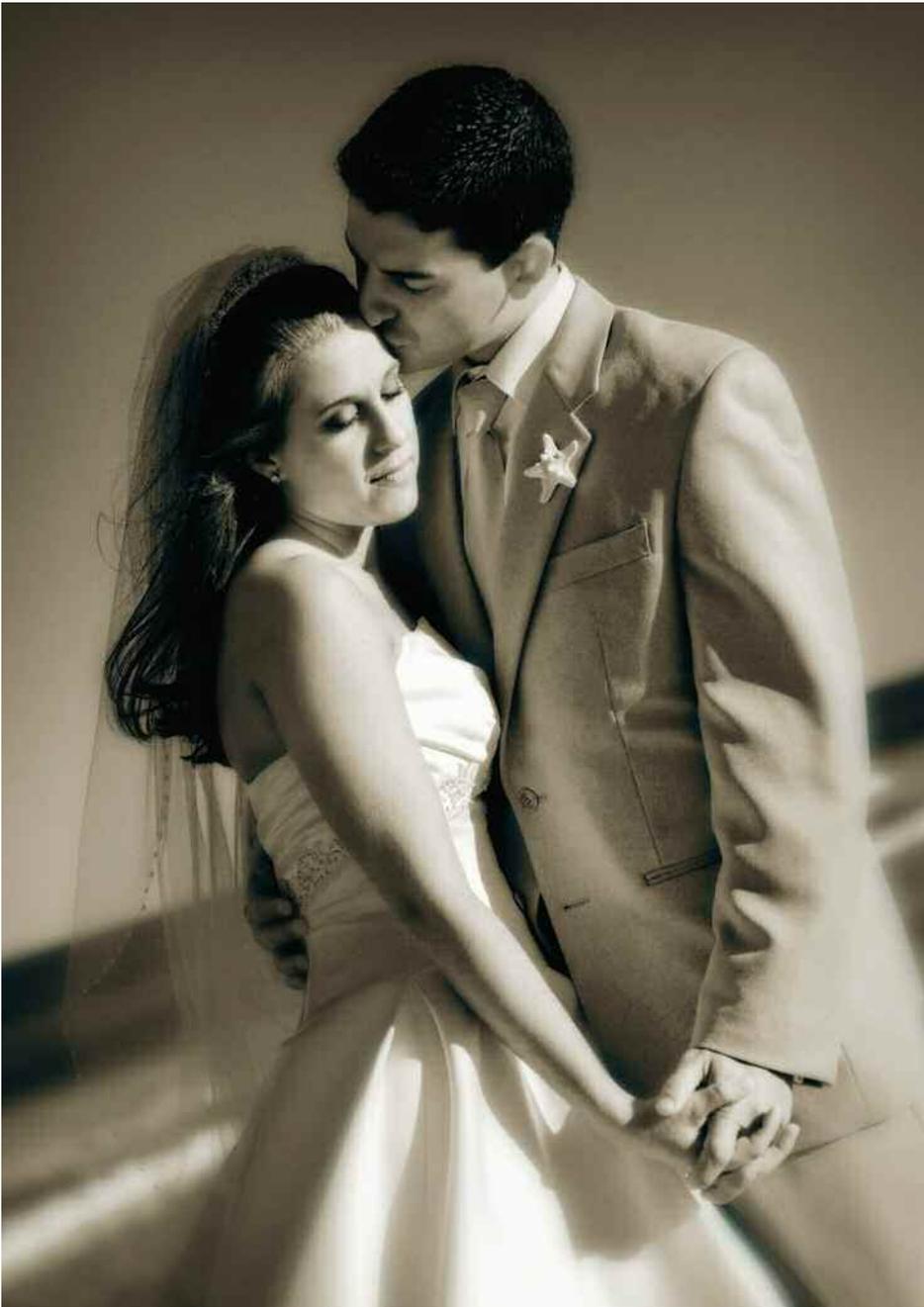


# LOCAL WEDDINGS



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Jon and I met at the University of Florida. We both knew within a few months of knowing each other that one day we would marry. However, education and establishing careers had to come first. Being someone who is usually very much “in the know”, I thought there was no way Jon could surprise me with the official wedding proposal. Imagine my shock when during a baseball game at Stetson University (where Jon works), I heard the announcer directing everyone’s attention to the aisle where I was sitting. As I looked up, Jon walked to me, got down on one knee, and then the scoreboard flashed “Heather, will you marry me?” Through cheers from the crowd and a few tears on my part, I agreed to become Jon’s wife. We actually made the sport’s page the following week... picture and all!!

The one thing that set our wedding apart from most is that tragically, I lost my only brother, Lance, in June of 2005, just weeks after the proposal. Knowing that this extraordinary day would come and we wouldn’t have him there to share it was, at times, unbearable. I tried to incorporate several things in the wedding to remember him. Lance loved the ocean, so I lined the walkway leading up to the wedding site with small chimes, bearing the symbol of the ocean. Many people commented on how soothing the soft sounds of the chimes were as they approached. On the day of his memorial, July 4th, I had collected flowers from each of over a hundred flower arrangements and dried the petals. On the day of my wedding, I had two of his best friends scatter these petals on the aisle just before I walked down it. The string trio played a song that my brother used to serenade us with.

# HEATHER QUICKE *and* JON MICHELINI

## MARCH 25, 2006



### CEREMONY SITE

Oceanside, on the lawn of SailMaker at Summer Beach, Amelia Island

### RECEPTION SITE

The Golf Club of Amelia Island at Summer Beach

(904) 277-8015

### RENTAL ITEMS (CHAIRS)

Rental Land, Jacksonville

(904) 739-3500

### CAKE

Cake Designs

(904) 924-8586

Cake Decorations: (200 white chocolate sea shells) Ms. Debbie's Sugar Art; Newberry, FL

(352) 472-9895

### FLOWERS

Dottie B's Florist, Amelia Island

(904) 261-3011

### BEAUTY/SPA SERVICES

Friends, A Salon, Carole Johnson, Perry, FL

(850) 584-2682

### WEDDING GOWN

Badgley-Mischka Gown, Kiss the Bride Bridal Gowns, Valdosta, GA

(229) 253-8883

### BRIDESMAID DRESSES

The six attendants wore strapless, tea-length dresses of the bride's design. The sky blue creations of dupioni silk featured a white sash accented at the back with a starfish pin made by the bride. The bride's seven honorary attendants wore dresses of their choosing in colors of the sea and sky. The three flower girls wore white tea-length dresses featuring sashes of matching blue dupioni silk at the empire waist.

### MEN'S FORMAL WEAR

David's Formal Wear, Fernandina Beach

(904) 321-1395

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Dan Harris PhotoArt, Jacksonville

(904) 398-7668

### VIDEOGRAPHY

Island Media, Fernandina Beach

(904) 556-3002

### ENTERTAINMENT

Ceremony: Amelia Strings, Yulee, FL

(904) 225-9696

Reception: Good Sounds, Wade Goodman, DJ

(850) 584-3241

### TRANSPORTATION

Beaches Limousine & Transportation, Jacksonville

(904) 221-5466

### FIRST NIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

The Honeymoon Suite at the Ritz Carlton, Amelia Island

(904) 277-1100

### HONEYMOON DESTINATION

Sandals Grand St. Lucian Resort, St. Lucia

[www.sandals.com](http://www.sandals.com)



## SPECIAL THANKS **There are so many people who went the extra mile for us!**

**Marj Dutilly** of Amelia Strings actually had her son Peter write out the notes to the special music I requested to honor my brother. The trio came the night of rehearsal and played everything through to make sure it was what I wanted—an added treat for our wedding party.

**Ken Prescott** of Dottie B's Florist bent over backwards to give me the flowers I've always wanted. I found out later that he actually made every bouquet personally to ensure that my requests were honored which was quite a task.

**Effie Andreu** of The Golf Club was my calm in the middle of the storm. She handled all of our requests for the dinner and reception with the utmost professionalism, and never lost her smile! I also owe a special debt of gratitude to **Chef Kevin Kreziminski**. He provided us with a meal that was beyond anything we could have imagined. The food AND the presentation was breathtaking.

**Carole Johnson** owner of Friends, A Salon, came for the weekend and helped us with hair and make-up for every event. She was a lifesaver!

Last, but certainly not least, Dan Harris of **Dan Harris PhotoArt**, along with his assistant Dean, have provided me with a most wonderful keepsake of our wedding day. Dan listened to every one of my requests and went the extra mile to give me exactly what I wanted. We even had guests comment on how wonderful Dan was, as well as how hard he worked! When he says, "Your day, your way!", he means it!

Also, because Lance loved the Fourth of July, we had a fireworks display for our guests in his honor on the beach during the rehearsal dinner, and again during the dance at our reception.

We could not have made this wedding happen without the help of *Wedding & Reception Services Magazine*. When we suddenly lost my brother, all plans came to a halt. It was months before we were able to resume planning, and remember, this was a destination wedding, so we were not familiar with local vendors at all. We had a short amount of time to do everything! We would literally start at the top of the list of things to do and look up every vendor and advertisement listed in the magazine and made our list of contacts from there.

Then we picked up the phone and started calling! Because it was such short notice, many vendors were already booked, but they were kind enough to suggest other people to contact who might be able to help.

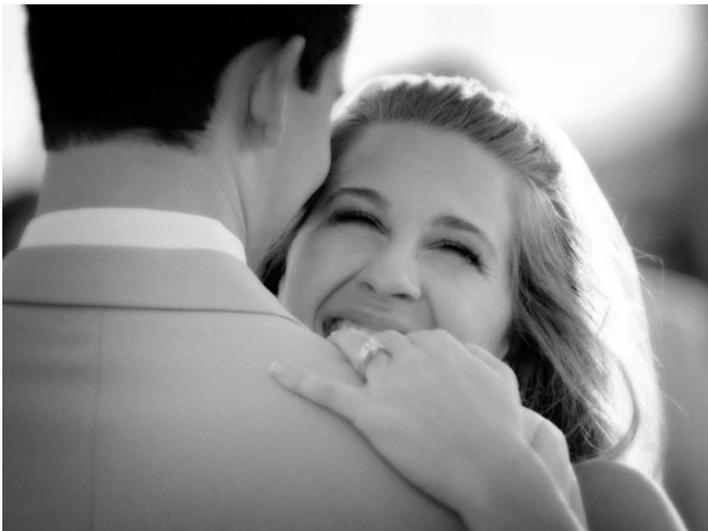
My family has spent every summer on Amelia Island since I was a little girl; so it didn't take long for me to choose the place I wanted the wedding. Because I grew up playing on the beach with my brother and sister, I wanted the wedding site to be in view of the ocean, but not on the beach. One day, as I walked across the lawn of SailMaker on Summer Beach, I was flooded with the memories of past family BBQ's, tag football, and Frisbee. I knew instantly that this place was meant for us.

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Having chosen an outdoor wedding site, I knew I wanted the reception and dinner to be inside. As soon as I stepped inside The Golf Club at Summer Beach I know it was right. Not only was it the site for our reception, but it also served as our "Plan B" in case of inclement weather. As it turns out, we had nothing to worry about.

Being a destination wedding, the festivities began early in the week. There were spa days, beach days, and lots of shopping for the girls. The guys divided their time between golf, parasailing, and deep-sea fishing. As our guests arrived on Amelia Island, they were greeted at check-in with a big beach bag full of goodies, which included treats, beach toys for the kids, info on local things to do, and a thank you from Jon and I. Because family is so important to us, our one request of everyone was that they take the time to make a special memory with their families to take home with them. We have since received many notes sharing with us the things people did together with their family.



On a perfect day in March, I married my college sweetheart under a bright blue sky. The soft sound of the ocean waves provided the perfect backdrop, as the music of Amelia Strings floated over those gathered. Among our friends and our family, Jon and I committed ourselves to each other and our God. Our day was everything we could have hoped for. While the wedding party posed for portraits, the guests were treated to tea and light hors d'oeuvres on the lawn, complete with the music of the string trio and an ocean breeze.

The guests were then invited to a reception, as our invitation stated, "in celebration of life, love, and the people we cherish most". Upon arriving at The Golf Club on the Ritz Carlton Properties, we joined our guests at the dinner-dance reception. The rooms were elegant in the glow of hundreds of candles. The tables mirrored the reflection of sand, shells, and white roses in the candlelight. The Club, overlooking the 18th green, provided front row seats to the patio below, where a great deal of dancing took place throughout the night. The evening was made even more unforgettable by a stunning display of fireworks over the dance floor at the end of the evening. The night was nothing short of magical. **WR**