

JEAN HEISE & NICK ANDERSON
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What would Americans do without the Internet? We use it to shop, to pay bills, to take classes and to meet people and possibly fall in love and then get married. ChristianMingle.com provided the platform for Jean Heise and Nick Anderson to meet initially and to begin conversations via the web and phone. The Internet also allowed Nick to Facebook stalk Jean in order to glean information about his date before meeting her. Their first official date occurred on 10/12/13, one day after Jean's birthday. After his detective work over Facebook, Nick learned about Jean's birthday and planned a surprise for her at their lunch date at Biaggi's in Maple Grove, Minnesota. After their meal, the server presented Jean with a birthday cake lit with candles ordered from Nadia's Cupcakes. Jean also received flowers as well as cupcakes decorated to look like tennis balls made especially in honor of her tennis team participating in the playoffs the following day. With all of his careful planning, Nick without a doubt won Jean's heart.

A few months later, Nick wined and dined Jean's parents with the intent of asking for her hand in marriage. With permission granted, Nick proposed to Jean at his home on February 7, 2014. In true Nick fashion, he created a rose petal path leading from his front door to the dining room. An elegant meal awaited her, and midway through the main course, Nick dropped to his knee and asked Jean to marry him. Expecting the proposal a few weeks later on a trip to Arizona to visit his parents, Jean accepted Nick's proposal with a bit of shock and utter excitement.

Once Jean and Nick confirmed the date with their photographer and officiant, the guests saved the date, July 25, 2014. Now it was time for Jean to shop for her wedding dress. "I fell in love with my wedding gown because it was unique...I wanted everyone, including Nick, to go 'Wow!'" It turned out her mother exclaimed, "Wow!" along with "Seriously, Jean?" in Mestad's as she tried it on. She picked the dress off the rack mostly as a joke, "because it was so heavy and elaborate." But the joke turned into a serious contender that Jean fell in love with despite swallowing Ibuprofen the day of the wedding to relieve the pain from wearing it. "It was so heavy

and painful, but I looked fantastic and that was what was important to me!"

Fuchsia, yellow and orange colored the Westwood Church in St. Cloud. Jean felt the anticipation of finally seeing all the planning come together. Of course, Nick busied himself before the wedding readying his own surprise for his bride. He produced a video played at the ceremony of the many significant moments in their relationship, his own visual narrative describing his thoughts before asking Jean's parents, before proposing and before the wedding. Nick included many pictures and video of their journey toward the wedding day. Before an audience of 200 of their favorite people, Jean and Nick shared God's love and goodness with each other and their guests. Jean stated, "I wish I could have spent forever with this group of individuals because it was such a special time with the people we love."

The Regency Plaza in St. Cloud provided the venue for the reception. Again, laced with Jean's classic bold colors, guests feasted on food, a chocolate fountain and a candy buffet. A kiddie dance prior to the main dance offered entertainment for the youngest guests. They rocked it with blow up guitars and glow sticks. Jean and Nick danced their first dance to "Smile" by Uncle Kracker but then quickly broke out in full dance mode with moves from "Thriller," "YMCA," and a few others. Of course, the celebration wouldn't be complete without another surprise from the couple. Rather than a traditional garter toss and because of the bigness of Jean's dress, the new bride and groom tossed in a little fun. Jean sat with her back against a table under which a groomsman strategically hid himself. As Nick dove in under the dress, the groomsman secretly handed Nick random items to reveal to the audience. After a tennis racquet, a flyswatter, and the groomsman himself emerged from under the dress, Nick finally found the garter.

After a honeymoon trip to the Dominican Republic, affectionately termed a "honeymoon horror" by Jean, the couple now reside in Sartell, Minnesota where Jean works as a family nurse practitioner and Nick is employed in healthcare security.

Mr. & Mrs. Nick and Jean Anderson