

Unexpected events can make wedding day memorable

The things that make a wedding memorable are not always what is planned, but the unexpected, like bad weather, sprained ankles, unexpected guests, for example, and the effect they have on a wedding day.

Sometimes glitches are the carefully made plans going off in unexpected directions, like the darling ring bearer swatting the sweet flower girl or the roll of white carpet for the bride that did not roll. And yet all of these weddings survived intact.

I love weddings and most of all I like the wedding stories — sweet and funny, ones that are told around anniversary parties year after year. They often seem to fall into categories like these:

Can I take that back?

■ The nervous groom who took it upon himself to say both vows: "I, Todd, take thee, Lisa, to be my wedded wife. I, Lisa, take thee...uh, oh!" However, Lisa, laughing, then started her vows herself — from the beginning.

■ The bride who wanted her bridesmaids to make their own dresses since they lived in different states.

She sent the same fabric to each woman but goofed on the pattern numbers. A twist on similar dresses in different colors— her bridesmaids wore the same color in different dresses.

■ The critical mother-in-law-to-be who was upset that the tan soles of the groom's shoes would be visible when he knelt to pray. The quick-thinking groom painted black shoe polish on the soles. He also left neat black footprints behind him as he and his bride walked down the aisle after the ceremony.



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It's the setting that counts

■ How about the one where the bride fainted and was shortly after married from a cot in the church basement.

■ A minister who is known for marrying couples in unusual settings once married a couple whose wedding party was formally positioned rock climbing—which included the clergyman.

■ A local woman who plays organ or piano music at weddings swears that she once rode in a covered wagon (with piano) to a Montana wedding. The bridal party was on horses

and guests sat on haystacks.

The timing was off

■ There was a wedding couple I knew who married a little late. The wedding consultant correctly advised them not to plan to walk the baby down the aisle in a beribboned and satin covered buggy.

■ And there was a secretary who had long ago purchased her ideal wedding gown. She was very pregnant and rather than marry in another dress, she held off the wedding until after the birth so she could fit into the gown.

Believe it or not

■ A bride, upset over leaving her family, cried so hard that the pastor, intending to give her a little time to recover, gave an hour-long sermon to the consternation of all.

■ For an intimate wedding, the cake at one reception I attended was understated chocolate and vanilla bean cheesecake. Guests were "ooohing" and "aaahing" at the prospect of tasting it when the mother of the groom walked in pushing a restaurant dolly

carrying a huge monstrosity of a cake. "Homemade," she announced. "I used 16 boxes of mix and seven of Jell-O!"

■ One groom, known to be a bit of a messy fellow, tried to please his neat-freak bride by hanging his pajama bottoms on the hook inside the bathroom door at each honeymoon stop. Thus hidden when the door was opened, he forgot his bottoms at each honeymoon

stop. He actually received them back from three of the four honeymoon stops with notes, which more or less read, "Dear Honeymooner, you have left your bottoms here..."

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