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## Dempsey-Nicholson Vows Pledged In Morning Ceremony

Kymerly Michele Nicholson and Timothy Wayne Dempsey exchanged wedding vows in an 11:00 a.m. ceremony on Saturday, June 22, at Rose Chapel, United Methodist Church, Reverend Herman Nicholson, great uncle of the bride, officiated and Carla Welborn attended the guest register.

Wedding music was provided by Carolyn Black. The bride is the daughter of Bill and Priscilla Nicholson of Statesville. A graduate of North Iredell High School and As-sociated Schools of Miami, Florida, she is employed at Asmo N.C., Inc.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Shirley Williamson of Stockdale, Texas, and Mr. Dewey Dempsey of Eclectic, Alabama. A graduate of Wetumpka High School, Wetumpka, Alabama, and Mitchell Community College, he is employed with McFarland and Sons of Asheville.

Escorted to the altar by her father after the chiming of the hour, the bride was radiant in a designer formal gown of white crystalline organza, with a broad-shouldered fitted bodice of illusion net over satin-featured pearl dangles and hand-beaded Alencon lace basque waistline. The back bodice featured a deep v-neckline accented with triple-tier pearl drapes. Long fitted illusion net sleeves were highlighted with hand-beaded Alencon lace medallions. The full skirt was accented with hand-beaded Schifflin embroidered appliques and trim with hem ruffles. Ruffles and Schifflin lace cascaded down the cathedral train.

For her headpiece, the bride chose a cluster of silk flowers with long cascading pearl shoots. She carried an arm bouquet of white and pink larkspur, white and pink bouvardia, pink lilies and stephanotis, accented with pearl beads, white and mauve satin ribbons.

Maid of honor was Kelly Russell of Statesville. Bridesmaids were Debra Dempsey, of Cullman, Alabama, sister of the groom; Megan Knox of Troutman and Hope Murdock of Avon Park, Florida, both cousins of the bride; Kay Nicholson and Paige Price, both of Statesville. All carried rosebuds of mauve and blue, summer flowers and white roses.

Grandmothers, Mrs. Edwin Murdock and Mrs. Ross Nicholson received wrist corsages of white roses. Grandfathers, Mr. Edwin Murdock and Mr. Ross Nicholson had white rose boutonnières. Mitchell Dempsey of Tallahassee, Alabama, brother of the groom, also was a guest.

As guests arrived, Miss Jennifer Lee and Miss Kelly Mace invited them to register and presented wedding programs. The guest book was placed on a podium, along with the bride's throw-away bouquet.

The altar of the church sanctuary was centered with a fifteen-branch arched candelabra, flanked by two spiral candelabras all holding lighted candles. A large floral arrangement of gladiolus, roses, mums, and lilies, in shades of lavender, pink and white graced the center altar table. Two tree candelabras holding lighted candles stood on the lower level of the altar area, and stately palms were interspersed among the candelabras. The split kneeling bench and unity candle stood in front of the altar and was used by the bride couple later in the ceremony. As the mothers were escorted to their reserved pews by the fathers of the bride couple, they continued up to the unity candle where each mother lit their respective family candle.

The honored guests' pews were marked with large white satin ribbons with ivy intertwined among them. All other pews in the church were marked with smaller white satin bows.

Wedding musicians were Mr. Jerry McGuire, pianist, and Mr. Charles Snyder, vocalist.

Prelude selections were Fanfare in C by Purcell, Ave Maria by Schubert, Three variations of Perfect Love, Arr. David Johnson, Fantasia by Pachelbel, Because by d'Hardelot, Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by J.S. Bach, Allegro Maestoso by Handel and You Light Up My Life by Brooks.

The bride and attendants, processed to Trumpet Voluntary. The bride made her entrance to Bridal Chorus.

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Given in marriage by her parents, the bride was beautiful in a formal gown of white silk organza over taffeta. The bodice was fashioned with a rounded neckline, edged with lace and pearls. Lace appliques accented the front and shoulders. A wide ruffle covered the shoulders and back bodice. Sheer sleeves were accented with appliques and pearls and extended into a point at the hand. The skirt was designed with multiple ruffles that extended into a chapel-length train. Lace appliques and pearls adorned the entire skirt and train.

She wore a headpiece of pearls and a long veil, and attached to a fingertip length veil. A blusher and veil completed the ensemble.

She carried a traditional cascade of pink, white and lavender roses, lilies, purple statice, pearl sprays and baby's breath.

The groom wore a tuxedo with a white shirt and a white bow tie. He carried a boutonniere of pink, white and lavender roses, lilies, purple statice, pearl sprays and baby's breath.

## Miss Benson Becomes Bride Of Mr. Martin At Cascade Baptist



MRS. WINSTON KEITH MARTIN III

At two o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, June 15, Miss Angela Nicole Benson and Winston Keith (Trey) Martin III were united in marriage at Cascade Baptist Church of Mooresville by the pastor of the bride and groom, The Reverend Rodney McAllister.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Glenn Benson of Route 5, Mooresville. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Keith Martin, Jr. of 215 Heritage Place, Mooresville.

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The mother of the bride wore an ivory tea-length suit with pearl buttons, while the groom's mother chose a green silk dress with an accented pleated skirt and petal waist. Both of the mothers were remembered with corsages of white bridal roses with pearl sprays and baby's breath.

The mother of the bride was surprised with a long-stem pink rose with white ribbons. As the bride and her father processed down the aisle, she stopped to present it to her along with a kiss. In turn as the wedding couple exited after the ceremony, the groom surprised his mother with an identical rose and he, too, gave her a kiss.

Grandparents of the bride couple, Mrs. Dorothy Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Jordan and Mrs. Doris Gibson of Mooresville and Mrs. Ruby Martin of Virginia, were remembered with white rose corsages and boutonnières accented with baby's breath.

Also remembered was Mrs. Faye Henrickson, a special friend and Sunday School teacher of the bride since childhood. She added a white rose corsage with baby's breath to her attire.

Those assisting with the wedding and reception, as well as the musicians, were remembered with white rose corsages and boutonnières accented with baby's breath.

The wedding was directed by Glenda Carraker and the church decorations and wedding party flowers were created by the Unicorn of Mooresville.

The reception was held at Triplett United Methodist Church Fellowship hall. Individual tables for guests were adorned with hurricane globes, lighted candles and fresh flowers and greenery consisting of lavender cushion mums, pink miniature carnations, baby's breath and baker's fern. They were covered in lavender linen, overlaid with white lace and caught up with large lavender bows. The wedding cake was centered on a round table in lavender linen and overlaid with white lace caught up with large lavender bows. A white lattice panel stood behind the table.

The wedding cake was three-tiered with stairways leading down from both sides to two smaller side cakes. It was topped with three wedding bells in the center of a heart and decorated with doves and lavender ribbons. On the center layer stood the miniature bride and groom. Also used in the decoration of the cake were lavender cushion mums, pink miniature carnations. The cake was made by Mrs. Joyce Souther and the flowers around the cake were baby's breath and baker's fern and were made by Mrs. Betty Shumaker. Served with

the cake were finger sandwiches, cherry sausage balls, an assortment of crackers with cheese in the shape of a bell, heart-shaped watermelon with various kinds of fruit, heart and dove shaped mints, nuts, vegetable tray and dip. A refreshing punch completed the foods. Assisting with the serving were Joyce Souther, Betty Shumaker and Anna McAllister.

A memorabilia table held photos of the bride and groom as well as a Precious Moments bride doll given to the bride by Mrs. Faye Henrickson. Placed beside the table was a portrait of the bride, displayed on an easel.

After honeymooning at North Myrtle Beach, the newlyweds are home on Fieldstone Road in Mooresville.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of South Iredell High School and a 1990 graduate of Salisbury Business College. She is employed at the main office of Food Lion in Salisbury as a word processor.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Mooresville Senior High School. He is employed at Pepsi-Cola in Statesville.

On Friday evening, June 14, the parents of the groom-elect entertained at a lovely rehearsal dinner at the Mayflower Restaurant on Hwy. 150, Mooresville.

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## Bridesmaids' Luncheon Fetes Miss Nicholson

Miss Kymerly Nicholson, bride-elect of Timothy Dempsey, was entertained at a delightful bridesmaids' luncheon on June 20, at 12 o'clock noon in Hazel's Tea Room on Walnut Street, Statesville.

Hostesses were Mrs. Karen Knox and daughter Megan and Mrs. Georgia Murdock and daughters Heather and Hope of Avon Park, FL. Mrs. Murdock and Heather were hostesses in absentia.

Guests were invited to the dining room and seated at a lovely appointed table, covered in a white embossed linen cloth and set with mauve napkins. A mauve and blue arrangement of day lilies, baby's breath, larkspur, statice and ivy graced the table, along with tall crystal holders with mauve candles on a mirrored reflector.

The luncheon consisted of pear salad, chicken a la king, noodles, green beans, tomato on a bed of lettuce, and for dessert lime icebox pie.

Guests found their places marked with a printed copy of I Corinthians 13:4-8. In lieu of a corsage, Miss Nicholson's place held a gold picture frame. At this time, the bride-elect, presented her attendants' pearl earrings to wear in the wedding.

Guests with the bride-elect and her hostesses were Miss Kelly Russell, Mrs. Kay Nicholson, Mrs. Paige Price, Mrs. Carla Welborn, registrar and Mrs. Nancy Henderson, wedding director.

Also, Mrs. Priscilla Nicholson, mother of the bride-elect and her grandmother Mrs. Mildred Murdock.

The hostesses' gift to Miss Nicholson was a place setting in her selected silver pattern.

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