

Pennie Maples & Josh Robertson

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At first, Pennie Maples and Josh Robertson did not want to let their mutual friends fix them up, even though the friends swore that they were “perfect for each other.” At that time, Josh and Pennie were both just getting over long-term relationships that had not worked out and neither one was looking to get involved with anyone new. Pennie and Josh finally agreed to meet at a mutual friend’s birthday party because it seemed like it would be less awkward than going on an actual date. Pennie walked away from that first meeting with a very good first impression of Josh. “We met and I was very impressed,” said Pennie, “he was attractive, sweet and there was just something about him that I really liked.” Apparently Josh felt the same way because, the very next day, he called up one of Pennie’s friends asked her for her number. She told the friend that it was okay to give Josh her number and, with that, their love story began.

True love had to be put on hold for a few months, however, while Pennie finished up graduate school in Fort Worth and Josh worked at Stone Masters Of Texas, a granite company in San Antonio. For this couple, absence really did make the heart grow fonder, for once Pennie finished graduate school and returned home to Castroville, Texas (20 miles outside of San Antonio) Pennie and Josh were both ready to move on to the next phase in their relationship.

On March 26, 2007, after two years of dating, Josh went to Castroville to ask Pennie’s father, Chester Maples, for permission to propose to Pennie. Chester didn’t make it easy on poor Josh. Pennie was his little girl, after all, and he didn’t want to give her away to just anyone. He needed to be assured that Josh was going to take Pennie’s hand for life. It took Josh two long hours to convince Chester to give his blessing, but he eventually did.

Josh proposed over dinner at Ruth’s Chris Steak House, and Pennie’s answer was a resounding, “YES, YES, YES!”

Pennie’s job as a social worker for a school district gives her summers off, so it made sense for them to have a summer wedding. The number eight has special meaning Pennie and Josh, so they decided to get married on July 8, 2007. In addition to knowing when they wanted to have their wedding, Pennie also knew where





she wanted to get married. According to Pennie, “Josh’s sister got married a couple of years ago. She took her wedding party pictures at Canyon Springs Golf Club and I remember taking the golf cart down to the waterfall and saying ‘this is where I am going to get married one day.’”

With the wedding date and location set, the next task became deciding on a wedding dress. This presented a challenge for Pennie. “I was planning a wedding in three months and it takes six months to order a dress.” This meant that she had to find “the dress of my dreams off the rack and available for alterations.” After visiting every bridal shop in San Antonio, Pennie took the advice of her wedding photographer, make-up artist and good friend Pamela Donnellan, and visited a shop in Austin called Balina Bridal. There, she found her dress, a “mermaid style, diamond white, strapless.” Pennie knew it was the right dress for her because, the moment she saw it, she began to cry.

The weather, unexpectedly, became an issue the week prior to the wedding when, in Pennie’s words, “it rained and rained and rained!” Pennie refused to spend any of her time or energy worrying about this. “I wanted an outside wedding at the waterfall and I believed, with all my heart, it was not going to rain on my day. I remember my Aunt asking me, along with many others, what are you going to do if it rains? My response to all of them was, ‘it is not going to rain!’” Consequently, Pennie didn’t have a backup

plan and, as luck would have it, she didn’t end up needing one. The rain stopped the Saturday before her wedding, giving the spot enough time to dry out before her Sunday evening ceremony.

Pennie and Josh danced their first to Clay Aiken’s *The Way*. For the father and daughter dance, Pennie and her father collaborated and came up with something very unique and personal. “I wrote a song for my dad and I to dance to. His friend put music to it and my dad sang and recorded it. My Dad did not let me hear it until our dance.” According to Pennie, the song and the dance brought out a lot of emotion in her father, “It was so beautiful watching a 6’4 man cry while we danced.” So beautiful, in fact, that it left her “speechless.”

Pennie was very pleased with the way the wedding turned out. “I look back and think I can’t believe we had such an elegant and beautiful wedding within a budget planned in only three short months.”

When asked what advice she would offer future brides, Pennie had the following to say, “Make sure you enjoy your day. If something goes wrong don’t let it get to you. I told myself throughout the whole process I was going to relax and enjoy my ‘big day’ and I did.” She went on to say, “Make the wedding about you and your husband. Don’t worry so much about what everyone else is going to think, the only thing that matters in the end is that you and your husband had a good time.” ♦

Ceremony Location: Canyon Springs Golf Club
210-497-1770 | www.canyonspringsgolf.com

Officiant: Eric Von Copeland 210-887-8006

Reception Location: Canyon Springs Golf Club
Photographer:

Photography by Pamela’s Beauty Secrets
512-249-9001 | www.pamelasbeautysecrets.com

Wedding Consultant: Jessica Stone

Catering: Canyon Springs Golf Club

Flowers: Custom Petals 210-653-4979

Wedding Cake: Sweet Angel Cakes
210 639-5390 | www.sweetangelcakes.com

Invitations: Al’s Formal Wear

210 525-1679 | www.alsformalwear.com

Programs: Homemade

Gown Designer: Demetrios

www.demetriosbride.com

Gown & Veil Purchased At: Balina Bridal

512 719-5900 | www.balina.com

Shoes: David’s Bridal

210 340-5385 | www.davidsbridal.com

Bridesmaid Dress Purchased At: David’s Bridal

Flowergirl Dress Purchased At: Macy’s

Hair & Makeup: Pamela’s Beauty Secrets
512-249-9001 | www.pamelasbeautysecrets.com

Men’s Formal Wear: Al’s Formal Wear

210 525-1679 | www.alsformalwear.com

Videographer: Videography by Tony

210-273-5189 www.videographybytony.net

Ceremony Music: Nelda Etheredge Harpist

210 829-4515 | www.saharp.com

Reception Music: Hughes Technology Entertainment
210 367-8074

Guest Accommodations: Drury Inn

210-404-1600 | www.druryhotels.com

Honeymoon: Rivera Maya, Mexico

www.funjet.com