

# Sue Gordon & Zach Scheele

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Without a little help from a friend, Sue Gordon and Zach Scheele might not have ever met. One of their mutual friends was sure that the two of them would hit it off, but Sue and Zach were a bit hesitant the night they first met.

They both attended their friend's get-together at Scholz Bier Garten before a University of Texas versus Oklahoma State University basketball game, an interesting twist since Sue grew up in Oklahoma and graduated from OSU while Zach, a Texas native, was a UT Longhorn. Rival schools aside, they were also very aware of the set-up taking place. "There was so much pressure! We were both intimidated and only smiled and talked a little bit," said Sue.

Though the chemistry was obvious, it would be a few months before Zach worked up the courage to take action. Finally, at another party held by the same Cupid-like friend, the conversation flowed easily for the two singles. Sue's phone number in hand, Zach made plans for a date.

If their first meeting was slightly intimidating, their first date was even more than daunting as it took place on the most romantic evening of the year – Valentine's Day. Sue was quickly head over heels, though, when her date showed up in a holiday-appropriate pink button-down shirt. "He was so cute!" The two of them went to North by Northwest and spent the evening enjoying

each others' company and live jazz music.

Dating quickly blossomed into a relationship, and the relationship soon became serious. Though the couple had joked about Zach proposing in the future, Sue had no idea that an engagement ring would be on her finger so soon; and she never could have guessed how far ahead Zach would plan the ideal proposal.

Sue, the owner of the Round Rock bridal shop Classy Concepts Design, was up to her elbows everyday with wedding planning. One of her clients, a friend she met through the shop, invited the two of them to join her weekend wedding festivities, starting with a rehearsal dinner, at the Hill Country Hyatt Resort in San Antonio. The two had planned to return home after dinner and drive back again the next day, but Zach surprised Sue by suggesting they stay for the evening. That would only be the first surprise of the evening.

After asking Sue to skip dessert at dinner, Zach took her to the resort's restaurant where, unbeknownst to her, he had reserved a romantic balcony table for two. Although she still did not guess the reason, she could tell something was amiss. "He was so nervous!" described Sue. >>



Her confusion was short-lived, however, as a waiter soon brought Zach's proposal out to her – a plate with the question "Will you marry me?" written in chocolate. When she replied with an emphatic "Yes", guests below the balcony cheered. Waiters brought the engaged couple some celebratory champagne. The moment was the perfect surprise for Sue, and she could not have been happier. "I felt like such a princess."

With the flawless proposal completed, Zach and Sue set out on a whirlwind of wedding-related events including an engagement party, a bridal shower in Sue's home state of Oklahoma, and a couples' shower in Austin. Almost exactly three years after the day they first met, the big day was just around the corner.

On the eve of their January wedding, family and friends gathered at Duke's Smokehouse in Georgetown for the rehearsal dinner. Bright and early the next morning, Sue and her bridal party were primped and pampered at the Razmataz Salon before heading to the San Gabriel House Bed & Breakfast for brunch.

Finally, it was time for the ceremony to begin. The traditional mass commenced at 2:30 in the afternoon at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church, a bright and open sanctuary in Round Rock. The couple chose time-honored songs for their wedding including Ave Maria and Canon in D by Pachelbel. >>

The colors for the event were black, ivory, and royal blue. Six groomsmen attended Zach while Sue was preceded down the aisle by six bridesmaids, all wearing royal blue dresses with a black chiffon overlay. Eight of Sue's friends stood as candle lighters in the church's aisle each holding a flame in honor of family members and friends not in attendance.

The bride wore a strapless Maggie Sottero gown with intricate ruching along the front and a corset back. The only beading she adorned was the royal-colored rosary she carried with her bouquet of ivory flowers, fulfilling the "something blue" traditional requirement for brides.

There were many special moments during the ceremony, but one in particular stood out for Zach and Sue. The officiating priest, whom the couple had become close to during their pre-marital counseling at the church, brought both sets of parents to the front of the church to praise them for raising such wonderful children. "They were beaming with pride," explained Sue, with heavy emotion in her voice as she described the personal moment.

After the intimate ceremony concluded with the official first kiss of their marriage and many congratulations from the crowd, everyone gathered at the Forest Creek Country Club in Round Rock to celebrate the union.

An outdoor cocktail hour kicked off the event. The weather was unseasonably warm and comfortable for winter. According to Sue, "It felt like spring." During the pre-dinner party, guests took turns having their pictures taken in the photo booth set up outside. Everyone had a blast modeling the available props including oversized sunglasses, cowboy hats, and pirate hats. The photographer for the wedding, SolarHalo Studios, later presented Zach and Sue with a scrapbook featuring the guests' fun photos and notes of best wishes.

The party moved inside the country club as everyone enjoyed a buffet-style dinner at tables decorated with white linens and black chair sashes and napkins. Instead of a slide show, the couple showcased their favorite childhood photos on tables throughout the room.

The bride's bouquet was displayed next to the wedding cake, which had a different flavor for each layer and a delicate pattern in ivory icing. With its Longhorn shape and the Scheele family's ranch brand displayed on top, the groom's cake paid homage to Zach's college years in Austin as well as his childhood in San Antonio.

Guests and bridal party alike danced the evening away to the DJ's entertaining mix of music. "The DJ was amazing! I've never had so much fun! Hardly anyone sat down the whole time," raved Sue. Once the festivities ended, the bride and groom were given a rose petal send-off as they hopped into a white convertible "Barbie car", as Sue described. They relaxed the following day at a Sunday brunch with family members before leaving on a week-long honeymoon in Kauai, Hawaii.

The newlyweds now live in Mansfield, Texas, just outside of Fort Worth, where Zach works for HCA Physician Services as an Area Practice Manager. Sue continues to manage her Round Rock location of Classy Concepts Design remotely and has plans to expand the bridal business to the Fort Worth area. ♦

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