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PINE KNOLL SHORES

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IN HER WORDS

Ever since I was a little girl, I have spent my summers with my family and grandmother, who live in Emerald Isle. I always knew that I wanted to get married there. When my now-husband proposed at sunset on the Fourth of July weekend, I knew that was going to be the location of my wedding.

My mom was nervous about having a destination wedding, but Heidi and her Emerald Isle Realty team made planning my wedding from a distance so easy. I couldn't have done it without them. They accommodated my guests and pulled off an incredible rehearsal dinner. They also helped me find local vendors who made my day so special. I wouldn't have changed a thing.

A festive oyster roast and barbecue rehearsal dinner kicked off our wedding weekend at Emerald Isle Realty's famous Boat House event home. Forrest Senter and his dream team did a phenomenal job appeasing taste buds with their local fares and secret recipes.

For our reception at the Aquarium, I chose a beautiful color palette of purple satin with lime and white accents. Our ceremony, however, was all dressed in white. ▶



White chairs adorned with white satin sashes lined the aisle covered with white rose petals and small gardenia plants. What a glorious aroma! The altar was dressed in white mums, gardenias, and palms sprinkled with twinkle lights and white fabric. Candles added another layer of romantic ambiance.



After the ceremony, we moved to the Otter Room for cocktail hour with delicious dishes created by Floyd's 1921. We played personalized DVDs in each room as the guests mingled. After introductions, we enjoyed a wonderful dinner at tables adorned in white linens with satin purple overlays. The white chivari chairs were tied up in purple satin sashes accented by the lime spider mum centerpieces.

After dinner, DJ Professionals got the party started, and we danced the night away with the fish. A bubble exit brought an end to the night and tears to everyone's eyes. My sweet grandmother blew us a very special goodbye kiss as we climbed into our limo.



THE TEAM

COORDINATOR:

Heidi Barlow, Emerald Isle Realty

CEREMONY & RECEPTION SITE:

North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores

CATERING:

Floyd's 1921 Restaurant & Catering

RENTALS:

Island Essentials Tent & Event Rentals
Carolina Home & Garden

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Ellen LeRoy Photography

CAKE:

Mrs. Vingerber's Sweets

FLORAL DESIGN:

Through the Looking Glass

DISC JOCKEY:

DJ Professionals and Video

TRANSPORTATION:

Diamond Limousine

