

Ashley Cunningham & Wayne Marion, Jr.



Wayne and I met at a party in May of 2001. We barely spoke, but at the end of the evening we exchanged telephone numbers. I called him the following week and we made plans to have a group date with our friends in Atlantic City. A month later, we officially began dating.



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After graduating from college in 2005, I started a new job and wanted to take

Wayne to dinner for our four year anniversary. We went to a restaurant on the bay closer to my parents' house, where we were staying that evening. After dinner, at my parents' house, Wayne proposed.

Ceremony & Reception:
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Ring: Sherman Jewelers

Gown: Platinum by Priscilla of Boston, 800.664.3309

Bridesmaids: Alexia

Hair & Makeup:
Spa at Hilton Short Hills

Luau: After Hours Formalwear

Florist: Flowers of the World

Cake: Bretton Woods

Band: Paul Geiger Events

Photographer: Tim Camuso

Videographer: Jill Shuler

Harpist: Karen Stern

Honeymoon: St. Lucia



Almost immediately we started looking for a venue. We wanted a space that hosted one wedding at a time and could hold an outdoor ceremony. I saw an ad for Bretton Woods and thought the wrap-around wooden porch was so beautiful. As soon as we pulled up, we knew we'd found our place. We loved the charm and warmth of the rooms, the unique layout, and the spacious ballroom. Outdoors, the gardens were beautiful and meticulously

cared for, and a cobblestone path led to a beautiful white gazebo. Everything was perfect.

We were completely sold on Bretton Woods after meeting Joe Gatti, the catering director. He was very helpful and caring. Right from the start, he worked with us to create the perfect menu. Every wedding at Bretton Woods is unique and we were satisfied knowing that no one will have another wedding like ours.

Our wedding day was perfect. We were married exactly six years to the day when we first met. I got dressed in the bridal suite upstairs, which provided a romantic setting for our candid photographs. Everything was wonderful including the weather, flowers, and the words of our Reverend.

Our cocktail hour was spread out over the entire first floor, and led outside to the wrap-around deck. We had a variety of action stations including a pasta and carving station, plus over 10 hand-passed hors d'oeuvres, a crêpe station, and endless buffet options.

A Colonial mansion with warmth, beauty, and charm, Bretton Woods doesn't require many additional embellishments. We kept our décor to a minimum and played off the romance as part of our theme for the wedding. Wayne and



I have been lucky enough to travel throughout the Caribbean and other various locations, and we decided to name each table after a different location we had visited. Each table also had pillar candles surrounded by small posies of roses and hydrangeas in pink, purple, and green. It added a warm glow around the room and was low, so guests would not have a difficult time talking to one another across the table.

We also didn't want our guests sitting at the dinner tables for an extended period of time. Joe suggested a fruit dish that could be pre-plated so that when guests first sat down, they had already had the chance to begin their meal while waiting for us to enter the ballroom. For dinner our guests enjoyed filet mignon with a peppercorn sauce, fresh swordfish with lemon, capers and white wine sauce, and chicken in a balsamic reduction topped with roasted red pepper and mozzarella cheese. The food was fantastic.

For dessert, we had a black and white wedding cake with raspberry Bavarian mousse. Each table also got a pedestal silver platter filled with chocolate dipped fresh fruit, miniature pastries, and assorted cookies. There is not one thing I would want to change from our wedding. Bretton Woods allowed us to have the wedding of our dreams. We wish we could relive it again and again. It was the most wonderful day of our lives.