

SOUTHERN WEDDINGS



THE
Southern
BRIDE'S GUIDE
TO THE BIG DAY
AND BEYOND



Louisiana's unpredictable weather was a big unknown for Julie and Michael—in fact, one year before their wedding date, they remember sitting on the patio of her parents' house with propane heaters to keep warm! They did a whole heap of praying for good weather throughout the next year, and were blessed with sunny skies and a temperature in the low 80's for their outdoor celebration.

Julie & Michael

HOW THEY MET: Julie and Michael met their freshman year of high school. After dating off and on throughout high school and college (and remaining great friends in between), they came together for good in 2011, despite living 6.5 hours apart. **THE PROPOSAL:** Under white lights at an outdoor dinner celebrating their two-year dating anniversary, Michael's fraternity brothers were waiting at their hotel to congratulate them! **RINGS:** Julie's ring (left) belonged to Michael's great-grandmother, Maw-Maw, the beloved matriarch of his family. They're already looking forward to passing it down to the next generation. **THE "I DO'S":** A spring celebration in White Castle, Louisiana, at one of the oldest antebellum mansions in the South. **WEDDING GUESTS:** 175. **MAMA KNOWS BEST:** Julie had dreamed of wearing her mother's gown ever since she was a little girl, and with a few alterations (including removing the 80's sleeves!), it was perfect! Walking down the aisle with her dad, wearing the same dress her mom had worn 30 years before, was one of her favorite moments of the day. **TABLE FOR TWO:** Since Julie and Michael did a first look and took all of their photos early, their guests moved right from the ceremony to the reception. The newlyweds, however, spent a few minutes at a private table soaking in the day and grabbing a bite to eat before joining the festivities. **SWEET SWEETS:** Julie and Michael chose a white cake layered with cream cheese pecan filling for their wedding cake, and an Atlanta Braves baseball jersey cake for Michael's groom's cake. The bridesmaids also participated in a cake pull, a true New Orleans tradition! **BEST ADVICE:** "Always treat each other like you did while you were dating."



This sweet, embroidered ring bearer pillow is so lovely!





One of Julie's favorite memories from her wedding day is walking around Nottoway Plantation with her maid of honor before she got dressed, soaking in all of the special details she and Michael had planned coming to life.

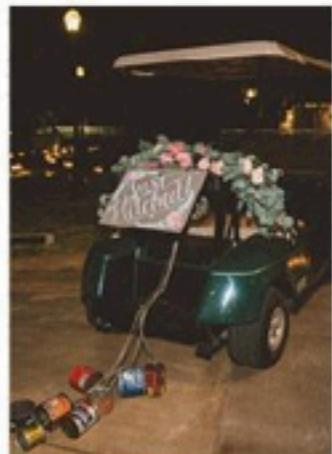


I wonder what Julie and her precious daddy talked about right before they started the walk down the aisle. They look like they have a great story to tell.





I can't imagine how loved Julie and Michael's guests felt once they saw the sweet favors for the ride home! Colorful patterns and stamped bamboo forks are such a fun way to add a little extra personalization.



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