

Social Events

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Porter-Bratcher Couple Married In Charlotte



Mrs. Daryl G. Porter

Shelvy Bratcher and Daryl Gregory Porter exchanged vows of holy wedlock Saturday, May 7. The Rev. Norman Kerry officiated. The rainbow of colors wedding occurred at Johnson C. Smith University Church in Charlotte.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a long ivory gown of silk taffeta. The gown was designed with puff sleeves and a full bodice, lavishly adorned with ivory chantilly lace. The detachable train was also of chantilly lace. The finished touch was added by an ivory headpiece, of Roman style, adorned with silk flowers.

The matrons of honor, Cindy Blakney and Linda Brown, and the maid of honor Jennifer Bratcher, all sisters of the bride, wore dresses designed with an empire bodice and puff sleeves of lavender, peach and yellow respectively. A bridal court, wearing similar dresses and arranged to display all the different beautiful colors of a rainbow consisted of: Diane Baker, Janice Blakeney, Lydia Crutchfield, Evelyn Garrett, Ruthie Giles, Leslie Hardison, Geraldine Kelly, Brenda Kennedy, Devia Phinisee and Romaine Porter. The junior bridesmaid was Miss Toneka Brewington and Little Misses April Bratcher, April Hughes and Tera Brice were the flower girls.

Hostellers Attend Class Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hostetler attended Mrs. Hostetler's thirtieth class reunion at Duke University in Durham last weekend.

The weekend included a panel with the moderator, Dr. Quanita Kreps, former Secretary of Commerce, and Judy Woodruff of NBC News, who were both Duke Alumnae.

Mark Family Is Honored

The Reverend and Mrs. Douglas Mark, who left June 3 with their four children for a visit with relatives in Ireland, were honored on two occasions before their departure.

They were shown a courtesy when Mr. and Mrs. L.S. Brock, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coley, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Ken McNeill, Mrs. Laurie McEachern and Mrs. June Johnson entertained.

A steak dinner with accessories was served on the patio at the home of Mrs. Johnson.

The Marks were honored at a covered dish luncheon by the noon Bible Study Group in the fellowship hall of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, Thursday, June 3, before leaving the next day for Ireland.

Brides-elect Honor Guests At Luncheon

Miss Dixie Bennett Jackson and Miss Elizabeth Anne Watson, Lumber Bridge brides-elect, were honored Wednesday, June 15, with a luncheon at John's Restaurant, Lumberton. Hostesses were Mrs. James N. Maxwell, Sr., and Miss Sally Lynne Maxwell of Dundarach.

The table was centered with an arrangement of mixed flowers in a silver compote. A gift of brass candlesticks was presented to the honorees by the hostesses.

Guests included Mrs. George L. Pless, Sr., and Mrs. Terry Sifford, both of Rockwell; Mrs. Larry Stirewalt of China Grove; Mrs. Lanny Goode and Miss Tracy Saunders of Matthews; Mrs. Joseph T. Buie of Red Springs; Miss Millicent Locklear of Lumberton; Miss Jenny White of St. Pauls; Mrs. Maggie Covington and Mrs. Clarence Watson of Lumber Bridge.

H. W. Ellis Honor Guest On Birthday

H.W. Ellis was honored Saturday, June 18, on his eighty-third birthday.

Members of the family gathered at the home of his son, Raymond Ellis and family, for a picnic dinner.

Family members present for the occasion other than the hosts were: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dull, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dull and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones of Sanford, the Rev. and Mrs. Wallace M. Ellis of Robbins, their houseguest, Mrs. Grace Eller of Richwood, Ohio, Randy Ellis of Durham, Freddie Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Plummer and children of Williamston, Mr. and Mrs. Bleasie Martin and Miss Beulah Martin of Matthews, Sgt. and Mrs. Dennis Ellis and daughters of Cherry Point, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ellis, Ron Ellis and Tammie Hendrix of Raeford.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Whiteford Jones and son, Rodney, of Colonial Heights, Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Ruddy Cobb and children, Barry and Amy, of Merry Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Oliver of Atlanta and Holden Beach spent the weekend with their mother, Mrs. J.A. Jones. They came especially to attend the Conoly reunion Sunday.

Mrs. June Johnson returned from Ireland Friday after a twelve day tour. She accompanied the Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Mark and children. They made headquarters with Mrs. Mark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Griffith Black in Lisburn in Northern Ireland. While there she joined the Marks and Blacks on a tour of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lawing of Fayetteville were Sunday guests of her mother, Mrs. Christana Howell.

Mrs. Ken McNeill and daughter, Miss Kimberly McNeill, accompanied by Miss Beth McNeill, vacationed at Holden Beach last week. They were joined by Mr. McNeill several days.

Mrs. Ralph Barnhart is spending this week at Holden Beach with her sister, Mrs. Bob Southwell of Kings Mountain.

Mendy Causey of Columbia, South Carolina, is spending several weeks visiting Kay Ellisor.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Neeley were their son-in-law, Dr. Drew Bridges, and their daughter, Dr. Susan Neeley Bridges, and daughter, of Wake Forest.

Miss Beth Jordan is spending some time here with her parents, Dr. Riley Jordan and Mrs. Faye Jordan, before beginning her internship as hospital chaplaincy at Spartanburg General Hospital. She was accompanied home by friends from Louisville, Kentucky. They spent several days at Holden Beach.

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Connell - Long Nuptials Exchanged Here June 4

Miss Robin Lynn Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Long of Georgetown, Texas, and Stephen Avery Connell, son of Charles Avery Connell of Raeford, and Mrs. Helen Scott Connell of Lumberton, spoke their wedding vows in a ceremony at the United Methodist Church, Saturday, June 4, at 3:00 p.m. The Reverend Arthur Winstead, pastor, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The church altar was centered with an arrangement of greenery consisting of teepee leaves, variegated huckleberries, falai and variegated pittisporum. Two nine-branched and two seven-branched candelabrum flanked the centerpiece, and were decorated with greenery, same as the centerpiece. Palms and ferns were used as a background for the altar. Garland draped the choir rail, and the church windows were decorated with candles, surrounded by greenery. The mothers' pews were marked with hurricane globes circled with greenery, and the pews for honor attendants and special guests were marked with white satin bows.

Nuptial music was furnished by Mrs. Lewis Upchurch, organist, and Mrs. Judy Strother and William Daniels, soloists. Songs sung were "Let It Be Me", "The Wedding Prayer", and "Oh Lord Most Holy".

Matthew Warren and Britt Bernhardt were acolytes.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, wore a gown of white organza with Alencon lace featuring the fitted bodice. The scoop neckline was appliqued with silk flowers on the shoulders and around the puff sleeves. The full skirt and chapel train were enhanced with Alencon Appliques. She carried a cascade bouquet of yellow enchantment lilies, yellow roses, daisies and spider plants.

Mrs. Debra Kay Howington, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a formal gown of yellow chiffon, and carried a spray of white silk spirea in addition to the spider plant and Queen Anne lace on her wreath.

Mrs. Pamela Horne, sister of the bride, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Miss Cindy Connell of Durham, sister of the groom, Miss Carolyn Wilburn, Raeford, and Mrs. Trisha Lee, Benson, were bridesmaids. They wore gowns identical to the matron of honor and carried grapevine wreaths decorated with spider plants and Queen Anne lace.

Miss Nancy Fair of North, South Carolina and Miss Robin Hayes of Whiteville were honorary bridesmaids. They carried a spray of white silk spirea.

The groom, attended by his father as best man, wore a tuxedo-charcoal grey jacket, pinstripe trousers and black bow tie.

Ushers were Mallory Martin, Shelby, Richard Spero, III, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, Ricky D. Huff, Aberdeen, Michael Long, Raleigh, brother of the bride, Eddie Pennell, Summerville, South Carolina. The best man and ushers wore tuxedos identical to that of the groom.

The mother of the bride wore a formal gown of coral with accoridian pleats and a corsage of sonya roses. The mother of the groom wore a formal gown of sea green and a corsage of yellow roses.

Mrs. Mary Lee Chalaire directed the wedding.

Special guests present for the occasion were Mrs. June Long of Ohio, grandmother of the bride; Mrs. Carolina Hawkins, and Mrs. Mariette Riley, aunts of the bride, of Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spero, II, uncle and aunt of the



Mrs. Stephen Avery Connell

groom, of Oxford; and Miss Teresa Defore of Virginia.

The bride is a graduate of East Carolina University, Greenville, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Health.

The groom is a graduate of North Carolina State University, Raleigh, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business.

After a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will reside in Raeford.

Mrs. Connell wore an orchid suit with a corsage of daisies for her departure for the wedding trip.

AFTER REHEARSAL DINNER

Mrs. Helen Scott Connell of Lumberton and Mr. and Mrs. Avery Connell of Raeford, hosted an after rehearsal dinner at the Ramada Inn in Lumberton, Friday evening, June 3.

A buffet dinner was served to the wedding party, friends and family members. Tables were covered with white linen cloths and centered with arrangements of yellow and white daisies.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. John McFadyen of Raleigh were weekend visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neill McFadyen.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Wilkerson and children of Greenville, South Carolina, were weekend visitors in the home of her father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Richards. They also visited other relatives in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Phillips and family of Washington spent the weekend here with relatives.

Mrs. Jean Hodges spent several days in Washington, D.C. last week on business.

Benton and Dellis Hodges left last week for an extended visit with relatives in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

RECEPTION

Immediately following the wedding the bride's parents hosted the reception in the fellowship hall of the church.

The register table, presided over by Miss Robin Hayes, was decorated with greenery and yellow and white daisies.

The refreshment table was centered with a candelabra decorated with falai leaves and yellow and white daisies. Garlands of greenery and yellow bows draped the table.

Mrs. Betty Smith, aunt of the bride, and Mrs. Terry Ransom, aunt of the groom, presided at the punch bowl. Mrs. Mariette Riley, aunt of the bride, and Mrs. Mazelle Connell, aunt of the groom, served wedding cake. Miss Meredith Warren, served as tea girl.

Guests were greeted by the bride and groom.

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