

**Weddings**



MRS. LEANORD ABRAM SELF

## Blanton-Self

Bluffton, SC United Methodist Church was the setting June 27 for the wedding of Penny Lynn Blanton and Leonard Abram Self.

Rev. Ralph Bowling officiated the ceremony for which Robina Paschman provided the wedding music.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Ranny Blanton. She wore a formal white wedding gown of bridal satin and lace enhanced by sequins. The full skirt extended to a Cathedral train. She wore a fingertip veil of silk illusion and carried a bouquet of lace and baby's breath.

Cathe Weathers of Hilton Head Island, SC was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Pat Hartley of Hudson, sister of the bride, and Sara Corwen of Columbia. Junior bridesmaid was Rachel Weathers of Hilton Head Island.

All the attendants wore fuchsia formal-length gowns trimmed in white lace. They carried bouquets of lilies and roses.

Arthur Hobbs of Hardeeville, SC was best man. Ushers were Rick Weathers of Hilton Head Island and Daniel Self of Hardeeville, brother of the bridegroom. Junior groomsman was Randy Hartley of Hudson, nephew of the bride.

Randy Hartley of Kings Mountain, nephew of the bride, presided at the ceremony and videotaped the ceremony.

Fern Self, Debbie Blanton, and Susan Abney hosted the reception after the ceremony in the church fellowship hall.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Helen McAbee and Randy and Betty Blanton, all of Kings Mountain. She is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School.

The bridegroom is the son of Dale and Madelina Self of Hardeeville, SC. He is a graduate of Hardeeville, SC High School.

After a wedding trip to Crossville, Tennessee, the newlyweds are at home in Bluffton, South Carolina.



MRS. MICHAEL DAVID SLOOP

## Arant-Sloop

Central Church of God in Charlotte was setting for the Saturday wedding uniting Christi Lynn Arant and Michael David Sloop.

Dr. Perry Spearman officiated the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Best man was the bridegroom's father.

Lori Davis of Charlotte attended the bride as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Leigh Mobley of Richmond, VA, Stephanie Joye of Greensboro, Julie Hicks of Kings Mountain, and Christi Tilley and Elise Thomas, both of Charlotte. Sandra Morrison of Kings Mountain was honorary bridesmaid.

Sydney Arant was flower girl.

Ushers were Ronnie Arant, Mark Sloop, Todd Busby, Mike Layne, all of Charlotte, and John Collins of Huntersville.

The bride's parents hosted the reception after the ceremony in the church fellowship area.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Arant of Kings Mountain are parents of the bride. A 1986 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, she is a 1991 graduate of Appalachian State University and is currently seeking a Master's degree at UNCC. She teaches severely handicapped children in Charlotte schools.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Sloop of Weddington. He is a 1986 graduate of Independence High School in Charlotte and a 1990 graduate of Appalachian State University. He is employed as a Charlotte City policeman.

The newlyweds are on a cruise to The Bahamas and afterwards will reside in their new home in Charlotte.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner Friday night at Steak & Ale in Charlotte.



MRS. TOBY RAYE DEATON

## Lewis-Deaton

First Wesleyan Church was the setting for the June 27 wedding of Tracie Marie Lewis and Toby Raye Deaton.

Rev. Mark Bardsley and Rev. J. Micheal Hilson officiated the ceremony for which the wedding music was presented by Tracy Bolin, organist; Kevin Bolin, trumpeter; and Preston Brown and Jada Brown, all cousins of the bridegroom, vocalists.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a formal gown of white bridal satin. The dress was designed with fitted bodice and bouffant sleeves and was enhanced by iridescent sequins and pearls. The skirt featured a butterfly bow. She carried a bouquet of white and fuchsia roses arranged with ribbon and pearls.

Lori Lewis was her sister's maid of honor and bridesmaids were Kim Stief and Sandy Willis, both of Kings Mountain, Tiffany Thorpe of Kingsville, Ohio, and Julie Lauden of Ashtabula, Ohio. Donna Deaton of Kings Mountain and Lali Deaton of Gaithersburg, Maryland, sisters-in-law of the bridegroom, were honorary attendants.

All the attendants wore tea-length fuchsia formals featuring off-shoulder necklines and fitted bodices. They carried bouquets of miniature white and fuchsia roses arranged with streamers of white satin ribbon.

Taylor Marie Deaton, niece of the bridegroom, was flower girl. Josh Deaton, nephew of the bridegroom, and Dean Calender were ringbearers.

Danny Callender and Tyler Deaton, nephew of the bridegroom, pulled the white aisle runners.

The bridegroom's father was best man.

Ushers were Jody Deaton and Monty Deaton, brothers of the bridegroom, and Preston Brown, cousin of the bridegroom, all of Kings Mountain, and Rodney Deaton of Gaithersburg, Maryland, brother of the

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MRS. PHILLIP RAY BOWEN

## Yarborough-Bowen

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Ray Bowen, who were wed Saturday, are on a cruise to the Virgin Islands and afterwards will be at home in Shelby.

Myra Jean Yarborough became Bowen's bride in a 7 p.m. formal wedding in Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Rev. John Futterer officiated.

Betty Deal was organist, Ann Goss was vocalist, and Christopher Cole was trumpeter for the program of wedding music.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a formal gown of white silk satin. Designed with fitted bodice and Basque waist, the dress was overlaid with silk Venice lace, hand-sewn pearls, and beaded sequins. The scoop neckline was enhanced by heavily beaded lace. The short puff sleeves were adorned with lace appliques beaded in pearls and sequins with a double bow. The full skirt of silk Venice appliques extended into a full Cathedral train with lace border all around the edge for an elegant finish. The formal, fingertip veil of white silk illusion was attached to an imported Austrian crystal and pearl tiara. She carried a bouquet of white lilies, Dendrobium orchids, stephanotis, lilies, and ivy in a cascading arrangement.

Sandra Cobb Baker of Kings Mountain was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Rebecca Montrose Ballard of Winston-Salem, Crystal

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MRS. ROBERT KEITH DUNCAN

## Forrest-Duncan

Cynthia Leigh Forrest and Robert Keith Duncan were united in marriage June 6 in First Christian Church at Princeton, West Virginia.

Rev. Richard Flowers officiated the candlelight, double-ring ceremony.

Wedding music was provided by Marie White on piano and organ and the vocal group, Praise Kids, of First Christian Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Knight Forrest Jr. of Princeton.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Roy Duncan of Kings Mountain.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father and given in marriage by her parents. She wore a formal Basque gown of slipper satin featuring pearls and sequins. It was accented by a pearl neckline and puff sleeves. The dress featured a full gathered skirt with a cathedral train. Her fingertip veil fell from a headpiece adorned with flowers and pearls.

Tamara Forrest Cooper, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Laura Duncan McCarter of Gastonia, sister of the bridegroom, Donna Musick of Damascus, Virginia, and Christina Olson of Springfield, Virginia. Amy Kephart of Princeton was flower girl.

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MR. AND MRS. DAVID GEORGE SHIPPER

## Ledbetter-Shipper

The Kings Mountain Depot was the setting for the July 11 wedding of Diane Eva Hempel Ledbetter and David George Shipper.

Rev. Mitchell Pruitt, pastor of Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church, officiated the 2:30 p.m. ceremony.

The bride was escorted by her sons, Wayne and Dale Ledbetter. She wore a two-piece white tea-length dress enhanced by intricate crochet on the sleeves and neckline. The scalloped hemline was edged with matching lace. She carried a bouquet of white Shasta daisies and baby's breath.

Tosha Ledbetter, granddaughter of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a tea-length navy dress with lace sailor collar. She carried a bouquet of pink flowers.

John Hardin was best man.

A reception was hosted by Jackie Hardin, Kathy Brooks, and Rhonda Ledbetter after the ceremony.

Out-of-state guests included friends and relatives from New Jersey, Georgia, Ohio, and Virginia.

The bride is the daughter of the late Karl and Florence Hempel. A graduate of Trident Tech at Charleston, SC and Cleveland Community College, she is employed in the Psychiatric Services Department at

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