Gibbs-Packard vows exchanged

Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby was the setting for the October 14 wedding uniting Kimberly Michelle Gibbs and Paul Alan Packard.

Rev. Jeff Brendle officiated the 4 p.m. ceremony for which Jo Boggs, organist and pianist; Jeffrey Ross, vocalist; Joe Collins, dulcimer player; and Mike McKee, vocalist and guitarist presented the nuptial music.

The sanctuary was decorated in an English garden theme and the reception decorations further carried out the decor.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Gary Gibbs, and her stepfather, John Elam.

She wore a white silk brocade formal-length gown designed with Sweetheart neckline appliqued with pearls and beads and enhanced by a long skirt with Cathedral train. Her hip-length veil was attached to a Camelot cap of pearls and sequins and she carried a bouquet of peach roses, larkspur, gardenias and ivy.

Erin Lamb of Portland, Oregon was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Tracy Johnson, Cynthia Gould and Lori McKee, all of Shelby.

They carried tea-length gowns of peach brocade and carried bouquets of peach roses, white gardenias and ivy.

Jeremy Packard, cousin of the bridegroom, was ringbearer and Carrie Gibbs, sister of the bride, was flower girl.

Victor Wayne Packard II of Charleston,SC, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

Groomsmen were Mark Sheriff, David Steeves, Brian Johnson and Bart Lee, all of Shelby.

Jamie Gibbs, sister of the bride, presided at the register.

Lindsay Stratton and Nicholas Stratton of Portland, Oregon, cousins of the bridegroom,distributed the programs.

Conrad Hughes directed the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. John Elam hosted the reception after the ceremony at Vauxhall in Shelby where garden-style arrangements of larkspur, roses, lisianthus, stock, fugii chrysanthemums, lilies and ivy decorated the refreshment tables overlaid with white floor-length cloths topped with Battenburg lace. The four-tiered wedding cake was topped with fresh roses and gardenias and was cut and served with punch and party refreshments.

The bride is the daughter of John and Pat Elam of Shelby and Gary and Marquita Gibbs of Burnsville and granddaughter of Lewis and Dorothy Stafford of Black Mountain and Ruth Gibbs of Burnsville. Great-granddaughter of Mrs. Enola Canipe, she graduated from Shelby High School in 1988 and from UNC at Charlotte in 1992. She is a registered nurse on the staff of Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby.

MRS. PAUL ALAN PACKARD
(Kimberly Michelle Gibbs)

The bridegroom is the son of Vic and Sandi Packard of Shelby and grandson of Marion and Ruby Packard of Shelby, Bill and Nova Blanton of Las Vegas, Nevada and Mrs. Ruth White of Kings Mountain. He is a 1989 graduate of Shelby High School and a 1992 graduate of Gardner-Webb University. A Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Reserves, he is a registered nurse on the staff of Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner October 13 at Days Inn, Shelby.

The newlyweds have returned from a wedding trip to Hawaii and are residing in Shelby.

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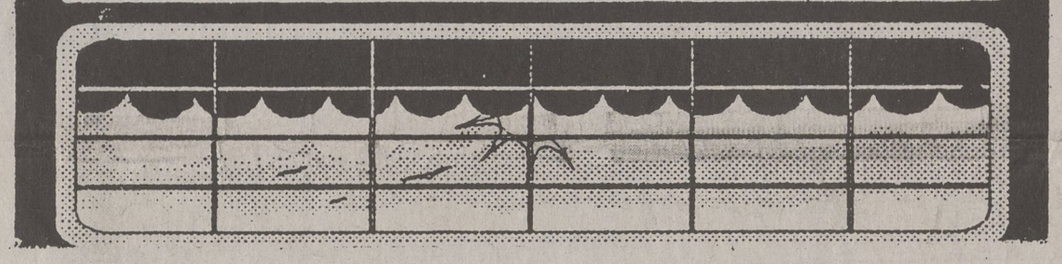

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