



Mrs. Joseph Allen Gray
(Alyson Anne Kerns)

Kerns, Gray wed in Central UMC

Alyson Anne Kerns and Joseph Allen Gray were married Saturday, July 17, 2010 in Central United Methodist Church in Kings Mountain.

The Revs. Tony Dowdy and Luke Harkey officiated the 6 p.m. ceremony.

Sherry Young, organist, Andy Washburn, trumpeter, and Ashley Ray, soloist, presented the program of nuptial music.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents. She wore a strapless gown of silk satin featuring a drop waist and chapel-length train enhanced by embroidery, crystals and pearls. Her fingertip-length veil was trimmed in satin ribbon. The bride's bouquet was a European hand-tied arrangement of Sahara and Akito roses, white dendrobium orchids

and white hydrangeas, the stems wrapped in silver wire.

Ramey Catherine Kerns of Kings Mountain was her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Emily Edwards, Melissa Gray, Hannah Johnson, all of Kings Mountain, Brittany Ramey of Huntersville, and Jordan Yokeley of Charlotte.

All the attendants wore floor-length navy strapless gowns and carried European hand-tied bouquet arrangements of white hydrangeas, Lindsey roses, blue Iris, white waxflowers and blue Nigellias, the stems wrapped in navy wire.

Honorary bridesmaids were Mrs. Claire Torrence and Mrs. Rebekah Wright, both of Kings Mountain. Flower girl was Miss Emma Still of Kings Mountain.

Chad Wright of Kings

Mountain was the bridegroom's best man. Groomsmen were Austin Allen, Ben Godfrey, Josh Jones, all of Shelby, and Clay Kerns of Kings Mountain. Honorary best man was Stephen Torrence of Kings Mountain.

Program attendants were Stephanie Edwards and Kaitlyn Still. The wedding director was Mrs. Beth McDaniel.

Alyson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde C. Kerns of Kings Mountain. She is the granddaughter of Mary Ann Kerns and the late W. D. "Johnny" Kerns and Peggy S. Ramey and the late Burris E. Ramey, Sr., all of Kings Mountain. The bride is a 2009 graduate of Appalachian State University at Boone with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a Concentration in Accounting. She is currently employed as controller of Kerns Trucking Inc. of Kings Mountain.

Joey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Gray of Shelby. He is a graduate of Piedmont Community College with a degree in surveying and is an NC and SC licensed surveyor. He is self-employed.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bridegroom's family at Lake Montonia.

The bride's family hosted the outdoor wedding reception at their home in Kings Mountain.

After honeymooning in Key West, Florida, the newlyweds reside in Kings Mountain.



Lib Stewart



Jeanne Patterson



Suzette Ross



Sybil Dixon

Lib Stewart to be honored Thursday

The Cleveland County Commission for Women will present this year's "Distinguished Women" at its 19th annual banquet at the Cleveland Country Club, 1360 E. Marion St., at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 5.

Among this year's honored women is Kings Mountain Herald's Elizabeth "Lib" Stewart, former state and national president of the American Legion Auxiliary and former president of the North Carolina Press Women.

An avid advocate for breast cancer awareness and long-time community servant, Stewart is a recipient of the governor's prestigious Long Leaf Pine Award and several other community,

state, national and international accolades. Honored for her nearly 50 years of service at the Kings Mountain Herald and the Cherryville Eagle and long dedication to the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, Lib was national president of the American Legion Auxiliary from 1999-2000 and as a breast cancer survivor pushed breast cancer awareness throughout the nation and foreign countries.

At the reception Thursday night, she will join the elite rank of "Distinguished Women" along with three other worthy candidates: Sybil Dixon, retired educator and poetry enthusiast; Jeanne Patterson, advocate

for women and the homeless; and, Suzette Ross, community activist and organizer.

The Cleveland County Commission of Women solicited nominations from the community to find these Distinguished Women. After reviewing the numerous applications that were submitted, four were selected. Members of the Commission are: Valerie Boyd, Kay Wallace, Mitzi Johnson, Betsy Wells, Linda Martin, Diane Davis, Rosaline Hunt, Robert Miller, Betty McKesson, Sherri Sharpe, Peggy Strickland, Alva Finney, Esther Plummer, Commissioner Mary Accor and Debra Blanton.

Birthday girl

Anna Byers, daughter of Jody and Jane Byers of Kings Mountain, celebrated her 8th birthday June 25 at Monkey Joes in Gastonia. A decorated birthday cake and party refreshments were served to eight children and friends and family. Anna is granddaughter of Joyce and Keith Hilliard of Kings Mountain and Richard Byers of Grover. She is a third grade student at East Elementary School in Kings Mountain.



Building Futures



Late Registration

August 5	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
August 6	11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
August 9–12	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
August 13	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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