



Kelsey + Eli

MAY TWENTY-SEVENTH

Eli and Kelsey Uttal-Veroff met in undergrad at Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind., but since then have made Kentucky home. When Kelsey finished her pharmacy residency, the couple moved to Lexington and decided that their new city was also the perfect wedding spot.

“We moved to Kentucky in July 2015 for my job as a clinical pharmacist at the University of Kentucky Hospital,” Kelsey said. “We decided to get married in Kentucky because this is where our life is now, and Lexington is such a beautiful city that most of our friends and family had not visited.”

The couple wed at The Apiary in downtown Lexington. For the ceremony, the couple had a simple arch with flowing white fabric and flowers. As Kelsey explained, they decided to keep the ceremony and reception décor simple because The Apiary’s space is so beautiful on its own.

“Every part of The Apiary is gorgeous. From the gardens to the new custom tent to the indoor décor—it made decorating simple, and it was the perfect space for the flow we wanted for the wedding since the ceremony and reception were in the same space,” Kelsey said. “The Apiary has all of the amenities, including space for the bridal party to get ready and impeccable dinner service for the seated dinner.”

The colors that Kelsey incorporated were blush, pale mint green and champagne because she wanted a rustic, but elegant feel for décor.

“We also incorporated laurel wreaths and personal touches throughout the details,” she said. “We included a wreath on the cake topper and had one printed on the ceremony program. We also had framed photos of us from throughout our relationship in the ‘living room’ area and a table with framed photos of our grandparents on their wedding days.”



It was important to Eli and Kelsey to include personal touches throughout their day. Small trays with personalized mints were placed in the bathrooms and personalized napkins with the phrase “sip, sip, hooray” were located at the bar. One of the most unique details at their wedding was in lieu of a photo booth, a childhood friend of Kelsey’s drew caricatures of the guests, which they then could take home as a party favor.

Many of the guests also participated in adding special details to Eli and Kelsey’s special day. The matrons of honor speech was actually a song that they sung called “It’s Just so Great You’re Married” to the tune of “I Just Can’t Wait to be King” from the Lion King (a play off the bride’s maiden name of Lyon). The Father/daughter dance was to “Boogie Shoes,” complete with a shoe change to ruby red slippers (like in *The Wizard of Oz*) for the Kansas-raised bride.

“Having all of our family and friends from all stages of life to celebrate and share our joy with us all in one place was the highlight from our wedding day,” Eli said. “One thing we would do differently, however, is have a microphone and speaker available for our officiant and speakers during the ceremony. While we loved how personal it was for us, we also would have loved for everyone to be able to hear everything clearly and easily.”

If the Uttal-Veroff’s could offer any advice, they agreed that it’s best to have fun with the wedding planning because it’s important to step back and enjoy the process. Kelsey even suggested that it’s best when brides involve their grooms, even if they think they don’t care about the details.

“Your wedding day is about both of you,” she said. “After your ceremony, when you’ve walked back down the aisle, turn around and look at the audience—all of those people are there for the two of you.”



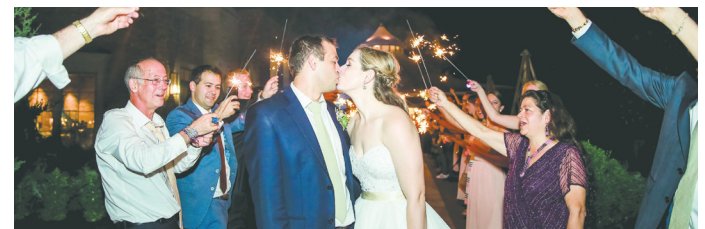
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