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David and I lived across the street from each other when we were babies and have basically known each other our whole lives. In the 6th grade I met his younger sister Kelly and we became best friends. I had the biggest crush on David in middle school, when all he was interested in was basketball! We were friends through high school and saw each other go through the ups-and-downs of boyfriends and girlfriends.

Our first real date was on New Years Eve 2002. We gradually started spending more time with each other and soon began dating exclusively. It was the most comfortable either one of us had ever felt in a relationship. After four years together, David proposed on August 27, 2005 while on vacation in Hot Springs, Arkansas. It was so romantic and a total surprise. I had no idea!

The wedding planning was fun but a lot of hard work. We wanted the ceremony and reception to be held at the same place and after looking at several venues, we chose Le Pavillon for our wedding site. Le Pavillon fit our style the best and we loved the beautiful chandeliers, marble floors, and the atrium garden area. Southern Event Planners handled the coordination, rentals, and flowers for our wedding. Angela & Kelly did an excellent job making sure everything went off without a hitch.

Our reception was catered by Chef's Choice Catering. The food was excellent and everyone enjoyed it. The Cake Lady Bakery in Southaven, MS made our wedding cake and groom's cupcakes. I sketched out a design of the cake I wanted and Shelley duplicated it to a tee. We liked the idea of having cupcakes instead of a traditional groom's cake and they were a big hit, especially with the kids! I found my wedding dress in the first bridal magazine I bought. It was from David's Bridal and I knew it was the dress for me the moment I tried it on. Although I tried on several others over the next couple months, I decided to trust my instincts and went back for the very first one I tried on. It was beautiful!

One of the most important details about our wedding was the pictures. I met Sara Beth Raab, of Southern Design Studio, while working with her husband. After seeing some of her beautiful work I knew she was the photographer for us. The weather on the day of our wedding was perfect. It was so fun working with Sara Beth. She is the most laid back person, yet still so professional. She put us at ease the entire time and we never felt rushed or overly posed or uncomfortable. It was all about us and our special day. We are so glad we chose Southern Design Studio for our photography. Sara Beth did a fantastic job of capturing the memories of our wedding day!