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Q: What is your favorite wedding movie?

The Best Man is my favorite wedding movie. I think it accurately portrays the dynamics of friendship throughout the engagement period. It's funny and romantic. Not to mention it has the best soundtrack. There's a famous scene when the entire wedding party and all the guests are doing the Electric Slide at the reception to the song "Candy". I wanted the same thing to happen at our reception. I got my wish, except we did the Cupid Shuffle. Sometimes life can imitate art.

Q: How did your hubby propose?

I was totally set up! Eric told me that his dad wanted to take us to a gourmet dinner at Cielo's restaurant as an early Christmas gift to us. When we arrived the waiter seated us at a cozy table for two and asked if we'd like to start the evening with something festive since it was the holiday season. I should have known something was up when Eric ordered champagne- normally he loves Riesling. Dinner was delicious. After dinner, a little boy dressed in a suit and tie, which I now recognized as Eric's 6 year-old godson, came to our table holding a red box. He held it out to me

and said, "I have a present for you." Christmas was a few days away but Santa brought my gift early! Inside was the engagement ring I'd fallen in love with a few months ago. Eric came around the table, got down on one knee and asked if I would marry him. Of course I said, "Yes". Everyone in the restaurant cheered and applauded.

Q: What was your favorite wedding moment?

After we were announced as Mr. and Mrs. Vernon, walked down the aisle and exited the sanctuary. It was just me and my new husband. We just looked at each other all teary-eyed and kissed. That moment was my favorite and most special.

Q: What was your favorite part of planning?

My maid and matron of honor, planned the perfect Bachelorette trip! Las Vegas could not have been a better choice. It was six of us total; myself, my maid and matron of honor and three bridesmaids. We stayed at The Paris Hotel on the strip. Our activities included going to Tao and Rai, two of the hottest clubs at that time, and a bachelorette dinner at The Palms where we started the evening with a caviar and champagne toast.



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Ceremony Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church • **Reception** Elfo's Restaurant Chickasaw Oaks
Wedding Director Angela Dacus of Southern Event Planners • **Flowers** Kevin Griffin of Floral Expressions • **Cake** Cakes by RiRi • **Gown** Lowe's Bridal