

# A different kind of perfect

by Kathy Tretter

While it may seem the old adage, "Every little girl dreams of her wedding day," is not only antiquated but patently false, there really might be some truth to it. The dream may not include a vision of the future groom and quite possibly gives no consideration to an actual wedding budget, but many little girls like to pretend and envision what their wedding will be like, especially after attending someone else's

wedding, say an older cousin's or family friend.

The decorations, the dancing, the gowns — for most little girls what's not to love?

It's a safe bet that most of the brides in 2020, at least from March to December, did not imagine how that picture would change from the wedding they had planned to what actually occurred.

The year will go down in the annals of history as the season of COVID-19 weddings.

And since the pandemic is still very much a factor, it looks as if weddings in 2021, at least for the first few months, will look the same.

Brides and grooms, however, are making it work and still having dream weddings, even if the guest list has been pared down by 80 percent.

This is the story of one such wedding, planned for almost two years and completely revised a month before the big day.

In the interest of full disclosure, this is the story of my great-niece's wedding to her one true love, a wedding I had been looking forward to attending. While it turned out to be practically perfect, neither I nor many members of the Tretter clan got to witness it thanks to COVID-19. We did, however, gather in the church parking lot on a hot day in June, suitably masked and unsuitably dressed in whatever we had been wearing while sheltering at home, to cheer on the bride and groom as they began their journey into wedding bliss.

This is the story of Taylor Tretter and Trent Weyer — a love story and maybe a bit of a cautionary tale that even if the wedding of your dreams is not possible, it can still be, as Taylor explained, "A different kind of perfect."

Taylor and Trent knew each other well. Both were track stars in high school (Taylor was a record breaking pole vaulter) and both would occasionally hang out with other members of the team. They also used to practice outside the regular track season.

"We were friends. I didn't think we would date," Taylor explains.

Taylor had just completed her junior year of high school at Forest Park while Trent had put in his inaugural year at Purdue University. The date was June 6, 2014.

"We went to the movies," Taylor recalls. "I was not sure this was a date."

Trent wasn't sure either, but it morphed into a real relationship soon after, as the old friends got to know each other in a different way. Trent returned to Purdue in the fall and Taylor began her senior year of high school.

They continued dating after Taylor headed for Indiana State University to complete her registered nursing degree. Meanwhile, Trent finished off his undergrad degree at Purdue and decided to follow a different path, enlisting in the Air Force and then attending the University of Louisville to study dentistry.



Trent Weyer and Taylor Tretter are seated near the altar of St. Ferdinand Catholic Church during their wedding ceremony on June 6, 2020. While the wedding festivities did not follow their original plan it was still a joyous celebration.

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