



SIMPLE PROPOSAL — Lonna Kay Lovett of Hornbeak and Harry Benjamin “Pete” Kennedy of Baton Rouge, La., wed at Wynnburg Baptist Church in Lake County July 15, 1995. They met in 1993 in Louisiana, started dating six months later and he proposed to her on their eight-month dating anniversary at his home on Lover’s Lane. The couple lives in Union City.

Kennedy proposes on Lover’s Lane

Lonna Kay Lovett, formerly of Hornbeak, was attending Louisiana State University to get her master’s degree when she met her future husband, Harry Benjamin “Pete” Kennedy of Baton Rouge, La.. She said she first attended South Bend Church of Christ there in 1993 and when she entered the auditorium she saw this guy on the stage working with the sound equipment. Without even knowing his name, she thought this could be the man she was going to marry.

He introduced himself after service. Six months later, the two had their first date on Mardi Gras.

Mrs. Kennedy said it was on their eight-month dating anniversary and they were getting ready to go out to celebrate. He told her he forgot something at the home he shared with his brother and sister-in-law, so they had to make a quick stop. They went inside the home and she sat down on the couch while he went to his room. When he returned, he dropped to one knee with ring

in hand and popped the question. The home was located on Lover’s Lane.

She said she then called her mother, the late Sandria Lovett of Hornbeak, to let her know she was getting married. Her mother’s response was, “I know. It’s about time. He called two weeks ago to ask permission.”

The couple wed at Wynnburg Baptist Church in Lake County on July 15, 1995.

The bride is also the daughter of Dwight Lovett and stepdaughter of Judy Lovett of Troy. She is a kindergarten teacher at Hillcrest Elementary.

The groom is the son of the late Mabel and Harry Kennedy Sr. and is a purchasing clerk at Williams Sausage near Woodland Mills.

They have two daughters, Grace Kennedy, a student at the University of Tennessee at Martin, and Hope Kennedy, a student at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville.

The couple resides in Union City.

A guide to wedding day floral arrangements

Various elements come together to complete a wedding day visual. Floral arrangements are one such component that can create a special and awe-inspiring ambiance.

Flowers appeal to at least three of the senses. Their delicate aroma can help a venue smell fresh and inviting. And it’s hard to deny the visual appeal of a stunning floral arrangement. There are colors, sizes, textures and much more that can cater to any theme. In addition, flowers can add a tactile element, even if guests do not go around touching the blooms.

Flowers convey so much during weddings that it’s important to make finding a florist a priority, according to the wedding resource The Knot. The following is a guide to understanding floral arrangements that may be included in a wedding.

Bouquets, corsages and boutonnieres

The wedding party, bride, groom and parents of the couple are set apart from others at the wedding ceremony by the special flowers on their attire and in their hands, among other indicators. Boutonnieres are a single bud pinned to the left side of a gentleman’s jacket. Corsages can be attached to a dress, but are now often worn on the wrist. Bouquets are held in hand. They can be a few flowers gathered together, or more extensive displays. Bouquets may feature bare stems, or stems may be bound and hidden beneath ribbon and fabric.

Some couples also have a small tossing bouquet to use later in the day. Flower petals for a flower girl to drop down the aisle also may be part of the floral plan.

Ceremony flowers

Guests often are first introduced to floral arrangements at the wedding ceremony. Potted or vase-encased flowers may bookend the couple at the altar. Seats or pews may

be adorned with flower sprays to draw attention to the aisle, known as aisle markers. These are subtle choices that enhance the ceremony space.

Reception components

Flowers may truly shine during the reception. They’re one of the most important components when decorating the space. Flowers serve as centerpieces, so the guest list and the number of tables will dictate how many centerpieces are required. These centerpieces can be elaborate or simply a few loose flowers in vases. Florists can customize the look depending on couples’ budgets. Some additional reception flowers can include installations on arches or on anything hanging like a floral backdrop for photo

opportunities.

Tips and tricks

Couples should create a list of everywhere they would like to use flowers and present it, along with magazine clippings or planning boards, to show florists what they have in mind when shopping services, according to Hummingbird Wedding Advice. A 2021 survey from The Knot reported that the average cost for wedding flowers was \$2,300. It’s important to set a strict budget so florists can present ideas that are in line with what couples can spend. Many expensive looks can be replicated with in-season flowers or less costly alternatives.

Flowers are an important part of the wedding day and should be incorporated into couples’ budgets.


Did you know?

Getting engaged is an exciting moment in the lives of a couple. One might think that excitement would lead to couples hurrying their way down the aisle to tie the knot, but studies have shown couples spend a significant amount of time between getting engaged and saying, “I do.”


According to The Knot 2021 Real Weddings Study, the average engagement length among couples in the United States is 16 months. Those latest figures were likely affected by the coronavirus pandemic, since the average length of engagement in 2019 was 14 months.

Taking more time to get to know one another also seems to be a popular approach among modern couples, as The Knot Jewelry and Engagement Study found three-quarters of all couples who wed in 2021 had dated for two or more years.

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