

WEDDING PROFILE

BALEA & DANIEL

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AN AMAZING DAY

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Balea met Daniel when they worked together in her hometown of Cody in the summer of 2007. "I instantly noticed the cute new guy that was working in the Bakery Department." With her friend Heather, Balea began laughing about "her boyfriend" before she even talked to him. "Eventually I did talk to Daniel and our friendship turned into a relationship."

While they had to weather a long-distance relationship during Balea's return to school at the Univ. of WY, it wasn't long before Balea and Daniel fell in love. "I'm not sure when Daniel knew he loved me but I'll never forget the moment I realized I loved him. It was over Christmas Break, when my family, Daniel and I were sitting at the table playing a board game. There was this moment I had, like something inside me opened, and I just looked at Daniel and knew that he was the person I was going to spend the rest of my life with."

By January 2008, Balea was a Student Teacher in Sheridan. "One Wednesday night, I was at school late with a staff meeting and project work. By the time I left the school (at 6:30), it was dark. I noticed what I thought was a paper bag hanging from my driver's side mirror. As I got closer I realized it was a dozen roses!" Balea looked around her and spied a dressed-up Daniel coming towards her from his car on the other side of the parking lot. She threw her arms around him and gave him "a huge hug". As they talked, she removed the roses and went around the car to put her things inside. She turned from Daniel to reach inside the car, and when she turned back she was surprised to find him on one knee! "He asked me to marry him, right there in the parking lot," Balea happily shares. She adds, "Daniel had arrived in Sheridan at 2:00 and had been waiting in the parking lot for me. He waited for over four hours!"

Their wedding day became an emotional celebration of their love. "The wedding ceremony was the most emotional thing for me," Balea says. "From the time I put on my dress to when we were announced as husband and wife



there was so much excitement and joy pumping through me I thought I was going to explode!" Although Balea admits to putting Daniel's ring on the wrong hand during the ceremony, the day flowed perfectly. "I had an amazing wedding day. I have the most amazing family and friends and it was because of everyone's efforts that things went so smoothly. They did everything they could to make sure the day was wonderful."

Of their wedding photographer David Chilcott, Balea shares, "We actually coordinated our wedding date with David's schedule just so he would be able to do our wedding." Balea says, "I have never met anyone who loves what he does for a living as much as David does. He is funny, flexible, genuine and so nice! He is fantastic to work with." Balea adds, "I would recommend David to anyone who wants their special day captured in the finest way possible."

Daniel, a Marine, was sent to Iraq in November 2008; Balea is now a teacher. For now, their emotional wedding is a beautiful reminder of their love that stretches over the miles.

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