

WEDDING PROFILE

MICHELLE & PATRICK

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A NEW JOURNEY TOGETHER

"...we looked forward to beginning the first day of the rest of our lives..."

Michelle and Patrick are high school sweethearts, meeting in Jazz Band at Douglas High School shortly after Michelle had moved to Douglas. After becoming friends and getting to know each other, Patrick asked Michelle out. "My dad teased me that if I ever got into trouble, he'd make me ride the bus to school as we lived too far from town to walk," Michelle says. "I told him I'd just find a boyfriend who lived in the same development who would give me a ride. Turns out my prediction came true — Patrick was one of our neighbors, and lived just a few roads over!"

Michelle and Patrick attended college at the Univ. of WY together. Outdoor enthusiasts, they often enjoyed hiking. Many of these excursions included Patrick's camera, as he loved photography. After several years of dating, Patrick caught Michelle by surprise in the fall of 2005 when he proposed. "Patrick woke me up early the day before classes began for an early morning hike." This was not the plan Michelle had envisioned for her last chance to sleep in. "I was less than amused," she says. Patrick was insistent, so off they went to Happy Jack for a hike. "Patrick stopped to take some early morning pictures, and I sat down on a nearby log to wait for him to finish," Michelle says. "Then Patrick took out the tripod and informed me that he was going to join me for a photo." Michelle was reluctant, feeling like she looked as though she had just rolled out of bed, but eventually gave in. Patrick set the timer, headed over to Michelle, dropped to one knee and extended the ring just as the camera snapped Michelle's reaction. Michelle loves the incredible keepsake Patrick flawlessly captured. "Now we can enjoy that moment for the rest of our lives!"



"...a landmark day in our relationship..."

After a two year engagement, Michelle and Patrick were excited for their wedding day. "As with most brides, I was most nervous about every detail of our special day going as planned," she says. The day passed with almost no flaws — the only missing item was the cake topper. "I had put it away for safe keeping under the cake table," Michelle says. "The cake decorator was never able to find it! The cake was still beautiful however, decorated in fresh roses with a bouquet on top, so no one even noticed! I didn't even notice until I was looking at our wedding photos!" Their wedding day became a landmark day in their relationship, full of emotions. Michelle shares, "On that day, we felt joy, excitement and relief, as two best friends who had journeyed together through high school and college, battling months apart and a two year engagement, were finally brought together in marriage."

Michelle recommends to definitely not "scrimp" on a photographer. "The best reminder of your day will be your photos," she advises. Michelle and Patrick were thrilled in their photographer, David Chilcott. "He is very reasonably priced, and dedicates his entire day to you. He arrived at around ten o'clock in the morning and stayed with us until the near end of our reception at midnight." They also loved the keepsakes David provided as part of his service. "Not only did he capture every moment of the day, he gave us the rights to his photos, a DVD and 5x7 book with all 500 photos that he took." They also found David easy to work with. "He is such a caring man, and great to work with," Michelle shares.

Michelle and Patrick currently reside in Syracuse, NY, as Patrick attends Syracuse Univ. to achieve his Ph.D. in aeronautical engineering. Michelle is a Residence Director at Syracuse Univ., and received her Masters in Public Administration last May.

