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THE LINDSEY HYLTON AND KEN MARROQUIN WEDDING

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Although they currently make their home in Kailua, Hawaii (on the big island), Washingtonian newlyweds Lindsey Hylton and Kenneth (Ken) Marroquin returned to their roots when they tied the knot on Sept. 10, 2016. The pair chose to marry outdoors on a bluff overlooking the Columbia River against the glorious backdrop that is Fort Columbia State Park. Roughly 150 guests looked on.

The bride and groom hail from Washington State — he from Ocean Park and she from Chinook. Both graduated from Ilwaco High School. Initially, Ken was a friend of the

bride's younger brother, Geoff. But Ken and Lindsey didn't actually hook up until years later, reconnecting on Facebook. Theirs was a profoundly sweet, intentionally homespun wedding, incorporating all the best things about small-town living — lifelong friendships, an emphasis on family with many references to their lineage and, of course, a love for the place they still call home.

The proposal

Lindsey and her beau had been a couple for a while now. Then Ken, who is a hospital corpsman in the U.S. Navy, got

stationed in Hawaii. Lindsey moved there in August 2015. “We talked about getting married, but he hadn't proposed,” she remembered. That didn't stop Lindsay and her mother from shopping for a wedding dress before the winsome blonde left the mainland. The two struck gold at David's Bridal (in Portland) with a stunning strapless gown by designer Melissa Sweet. While the flowing gossamer veil was new, the garland of dried flowers affixed to it for the ceremony was worn by her mother when she married Lindsey's dad.

“Ken (actually) proposed on Christmas 2015 and when he learned what we'd done, he had a good laugh,” said his wife. >>