

Planning

Trying to plan a wedding at the North Coast while living in Hawaii was nothing if not problematic. So Lindsey hired wedding planner Brittany Greenfeld of WedNW. “We were in day care together,” laughed the bride. “Brittany was incredible. She has a good eye for detail and a broad imagination ... Ken and I were able to enjoy our wedding rather than stressing out over it.”

The wedding

On the big day, it was pleasantly warm — the sky a bit overcast. A remembrance boutonniere and placeholder at the altar commemorated Nick Wilson-Codega, Ken’s best man pick who unexpectedly passed away before the big day. Tall tin vases filled with sea grass and assorted flowers (including Bells of Ireland since Lindsey’s mother’s people came from Ireland) set the stage. There were five groomsmen, including Ken’s son, Koah, and six bridesmaids, the latter clad in exquisite, full-length gowns of lavender with one shoulder demurely bare. The wedding colors of gray paired with purple, had been chosen because purple had been the bride’s grandmother’s favorite color.

Erika’s Spring Flowers, out of Warrenton, artfully fashioned the bouquets, boutonnieres and other decorative elements, like the cunning garlands for the flower girls. Says owner Kathleen Barber, “Lindsey was a dream bride. From the beginning she knew what she wanted — a wide, loose bouquet with lots of movement, texture and the colors lavender, gray and cream. Silk ribbons ... (hung) below her knees and moved with the breeze ... Clematis and sweet peas spilled out of the bouquet as the lavender Vassio Meggos dahlias held center stage (with) touches of lisianthus and lavender.”

The couple had created music lists for all parts of their wedding on Spotify. So, as Lindsey made her way down the aisle — her father and brother to the right and left of her — the old song, “Edelweiss” was playing, a nod to her father’s family who is Swiss. “Dad was totally surprised,” she remembered. “And he got tears in his eyes.” Friend Corey Budworth, a cousin of the bride, performed the ceremony. He’d been a wee ring bearer at her parents wedding in 1984!

Reception

The reception was held at the Old Chinook School (built in 1924), in the gymnasium. The lovely old building has been renovated as an event center. A family friend purchased the couple’s incredible wedding cake as a gift — a three-tiered white cake with random designs atop the white frosting, from Borracchini’s Italian Bakery in Seattle. Remembers Lindsey, “He transported the Bavarian crème-filled cake in a cooler he made himself, with dry ice to keep it cool.”

In an inspired move, the couple hired “Portland Sliders” food truck to cater the reception. There was even a firepit for roasting marshmallows for s’mores. Fort George Brewery supplied the beer — the Optimist (an IPA) and Quick Wit (a wheat beer). There was red and white wine as well. Also on-site there was a photo booth. Guests used it to take pictures with lots of heartfelt images and messages which doubled as the guestbook. “It was the best (guestbook) ever,” enthused Lindsey.

Congratulations Ken and Lindsey — long life and happiness! ■

