

Mr. & Mrs. Lawson Newman Deal

Wallace-Deal

Mary Elizabeth Wallace and Lawson Newman Deal were united in marriage in a late afternoon wedding on May 31, 2008, at Pittman Park United Methodist Church. The Rev. Terry B. Joyner, uncle of the bride, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Wallace of Statesboro. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Frances Joyner and the late Mr. Lloyd L. Joyner, the late Fred A. Wallace and the late Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Pound, all of Statesboro.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Deal of Millen. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Williams of Millen, the late Mr. and Mrs. Solomon (Shad) Deal of Portal, and the great-grandson of Mae Dell Brannen of Millen.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a white silk chiffon A-line strapless gown with side ruching. The gown featured crystal and pearl beading accented with silk thread floral embroidery that spiraled from the side ruching down the side wrap and continuing around the chapel train. A double-layered fingertip veil of silk tulle edged with crystal and pearl beading and silk floral embroidery trim complemented the gown. The bride carried a hand-tied bouquet of pink, coral and green mixed spring flowers.

Maid of honor was Hannah Williamson and matron of honor was Mrs. Heather Deal, sister-in-law of the groom, both of Statesboro. Bridesmaids were Brooke Evans of Macon, Megan Joyner of

Atlanta, cousin of the bride; Josie Miller of Savannah and Kali Groover, Summer Hodges, sister of the groom; and Meghan Lynch, all of Statesboro.

Attendants wore teal-length silk chiffon gowns of summer green with coral accents and carried hand-tied spring flower bouquets.

The bride's sister, Mrs. Amy Wallace Borrage of Lanett, Ala., was honorary matron of honor. Audrey Hodges and Lalie Deal, nieces of the groom, were flower girls.

Sammy Deal, father of the groom; Blake Deal, brother of the groom; and Jay Hodges, brother-in-law of the groom, served as best men. Groomsmen were Phillip Blackburn, Mitchell Bohler, Matt Daughtry, Matt Keel, Brian Powell and Barrett Street, all of Statesboro.

Brannen Hodges, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer. Music was provided by Mark Murphree, soloist and pianist; Becky Woodard, organist; and Katherine Mincey, flutist. Samuel Joyner, cousin of the bride, served as reader. Greeters were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wiggins of Statesboro, godparents of the bride.

Following the ceremony, the parents of the bride hosted a reception at the Georgia Southern University Botanical Gardens.

The couple honeymooned in Destin, Fla., and now reside in Statesboro, where the bride is a case worker for the Department of Family and Children's Services and the groom is employed with Statesboro Monument and Vault Company.

Patience with God is best

"No subject of contemplation will tend more to humble the mind, than thoughts of God." -- Charles H. Spurgeon (1834-1892)

The inspired psalmist wrote, "I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the LORD more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning." -- Psalm 130:5, 6

Waiting is something many of us don't do very well. Christmas is one of the events which best demonstrates this truth. Like most young children, I had a hard time waiting for daylight to arrive. By the time the sun was up, most of the gifts that had been under the tree were unwrapped by me and my siblings. Paper and ribbon was scattered over the room, and most of the gifts had at least been given a once-over. I could hardly wait to take my toys outside. Yes, patience is hard for kids.

Sometimes grownups don't do much better. Our toys change, and the things we want to try are different. But waiting until circumstances are right for the realization of our wants and wishes can be difficult, even for the most mature. We are



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often willing to put ourselves in debt "head over heels" for something we want now, rather than save for it, because we want it NOW, not later.

The Psalmist's concern, obviously, was not gifts under the Christmas tree. His heart trembled with the need for the blessing of God's mercy (verses 1, 2). His burden wasn't just for himself, but for the nation, for the people of God (verses 7, 8). Even more than the diligent sentries who "wait for the morning," his soul waited for the Lord's actions. Any impatience would not cause him to run ahead of God, because it was only in putting his hope in the Lord that he could find the fulfillment of his every need.

Not only at this season, but throughout the year, may God help us develop a greater desire for his blessings, and greater trust and patience in him to make them a reality. Amen.

Griscavages celebrate 50th



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Mr. & Mrs. James and Donna Seale Griscavage of Bristow, Va., and Mr. & Mrs. Jason and Jessica Chircotti Griscavage of Springfield, Va., hosted a 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration for their parents at the home of James & Donna on 6 December 2008. Stanley J. Griscavage of Larksville, Pa., and the former Miss Frances Evelyn Shaw of Statesboro were wed at St. Mathews Roman Catholic Church in Statesboro on 6 December 1958. Stanley is the son of the late Stanley & Helen Durkish Griscavage of Larksville, Pa. Frances Evelyn is the daughter of the late Gordon & Hattie Riggs Shaw of Statesboro. Stanley is a retired engineer for the Department of the Navy. Frances Evelyn is a retired administrative assistant for the Department of the Navy. The couple has made King George, Va., their home for the past 37 years.

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family member, Laci, was not born when the portrait was made, family standing together in a cotton field. The image represents agriculture and family and was taken in Metter.

A Buckhead family that vacations in Savannah (Will, John Gregory, Virginia, Kristin and Clark Dean) are walking hand in hand approaching Savannah's Forsyth Park fountain. Spanish moss drips from oaks, and the image represents the historic value as well as Savannah's tourism aspect, Grice said.

Of course, Grice could not resist including one of the many images she has done of her own treasure, daughter, Edie Grace.

"Well, of course I had to select an image of Edie Grace," she said. The portrait of her daughter shows the child frolicking toward sea oats and the ocean, and represents "the importance of the beach, the innocence

of childhood and the freedom we all experience in life ... whether it is the freedom from cancer or some other disease or the freedom to just be you," she said.

Santa sharing a Coca-Cola with Olivia, daughter of Melissa and Jason Long, is a classic pose that Grice used in the last image. "It is a Christmas ornament so I had to get the most famous symbol of Christmas incorporated somewhere," Grice said. Olivia is her niece, and Grice's mother works for Coca-Cola. Olivia was born 11 weeks early and spent 40 days in ICU with a cerebral hemorrhage.

"I could write all day about Olivia and how she inspires me," she said. "Every time I look into her precious little eyes I am reminded of the power of prayer and miracles." This image represents the "wonderment of Christmas, miracles and the power of modern medicine, which we are richly blessed

within our district," she said.

Reception and the Blue Room Tree

The Grices were invited to the White House for a reception and were able to see the Blue Room tree, and see Laura Bush, although she only made a brief appearance before the crowd.

The visit was amazing and overwhelming, Grice said. Artists ranging from age eight to 90 mingled, and "everybody shared my sense of overwhelm and appreciation to have been chosen" to design an ornament for the Bush's official Christmas tree.

When it sunk in that her ornament would be included on the one and only official White House tree, Grice was floored. "I've had lots of opportunities, but this trumped all of those," she said. "A girl from public school in Statesboro to the White House. It was such a

neat thing."

The visit was already an important event, but when Grice and husband, DeWayne, met Sen. Johnny Isakson and his wife as they all went through security to enter the White House, DeWayne asked the senator, "Isn't this old hat to you?"

When Isakson replied "No DeWayne, this is very special," the impact of what they were experiencing was driven home, Lori said.

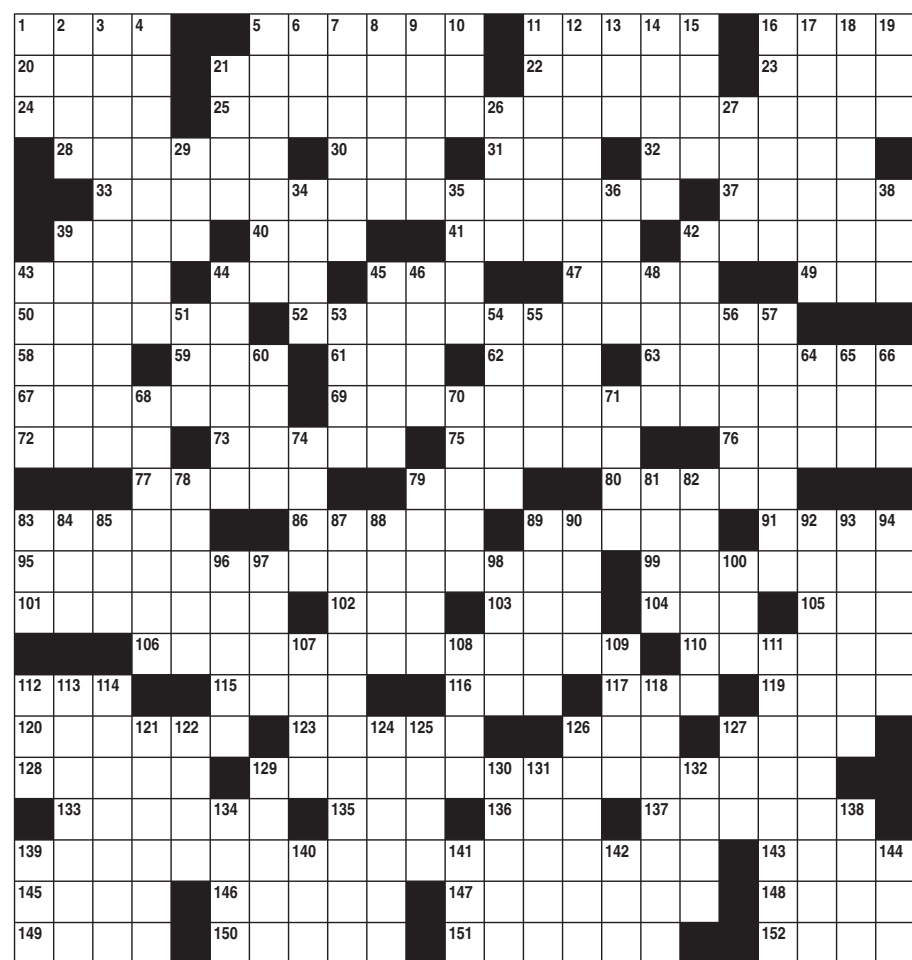
The entire ordeal, from the invitation to design the ornament, to seeing it hang on the White House tree, and to know it will be a part of history and will be kept as part of the Bush White House, has been like a fairy tale, she said.

Grice will not be allowed to reproduce the ornament for sale, but has a copy of it that hangs on display at Guido Gardens.

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