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Candlelight ceremony highlights wedding

By PHYLLIS L. ROSS

The beautiful double ring wedding ceremony of Karen Alice Cornick and Martin Dandridge took place last week at the St. John Baptist Church in the Interfaith Center, Columbia, Md.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Herbert H. Eaton before a background of palms and yellow mums, placed at each side of the altar. Placed along the aisles were a variety of flowers with colors of pink, yellow and white. Nuptial music was provided by Mrs. Myrtle Pippin.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. (Helen) Delroy L. Cornick. She is a graduate with honors of Oakland Mills High School. For two years attended Tuff University in Boston, where she received the Thurgood Marshall Law award.

She graduated from Howard University in Political Science. The pretty bride is presently in her second year in law school at the University of Pennsylvania.

Robert C. Dandridge, the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Harriett M Griffin and Robert C. Dandridge, Baltimore.

He is a graduate and has a B.A. degree from Howard University in banking and business finance.

Prior to the processional, Yvonne Bronnie and Mr. George Sampson sang a duet "Close To You."

Given in marriage by her mother, Mrs. Helen Cornick, the bride was attired in a full length "A"-line gown made of white satapeau and chiffon, adorned with alencon lace.

The fitted lace empire bodice had a Queen Anne neckline and bishop sleeves, the Watteau train flowed from the shoulder into a profile cap of sheer chiffon. She carried a sweetheart bouquet consisting of orchids white carnations, roses, yellow mums and baby's breath.

The minister, Rev. Herbert Eaton, gave a statement to the congregation. Most significant was the ceremony of the candles which was the union of the respective families, symbolized by three unlighted candles on the altar. The inner candle represented the roots of Karen and Marty.

The outer candle represented the joining of the respective families in the wedding ceremony. The charge was then given to Marty and Karen. The vows followed, after which the ceremony of the rings were read. The rings are the symbol of vows taken; a circle of wholeness. These rings mark the beginning of a long journey together, filled with wonderful surprises, laughter, tears, celebration, grief and joy . . .

Bridesmaids were Miss Lisa A. Cornick, youngest sister of the bride, Anita Jenkins, Sharon L. Sellers, Edna Hill, and Robin Kathy Dandridge.

Their gowns were yellow crepe de chine their bare shoulders were covered with sheer print jackets. They carried yellow carnations.

Cute little Miss Lakisha L. West was the flower girl, who wore a white three-tiered ruffled lace dress. She carried a white basket of flowers which contained red petals.

Kelvin L. Jenkins was best man. Groomsmen included Jay T. Roberts, Michael S. Burgess, Michael T. Myers Byron Williams and Kenneth F. Little. They wore gray morning suits with yellow boutonnieres.

Auxiliary ushers were Jesse P. Clay Jr., Robert Harper Jr., Elliott Roberts, and Myrtle Pippin.

The bride's mother, Mrs. Cornick wore a full-length beige gown with tints of yellow. She wore an apricot corsage made of roses. Mrs. Harriett M. Griffin, mother of the groom was attired in a pale orange organza long gown. She also wore a corsage of apricot roses.

A reception was held following the wedding at Kahler Hall in Columbia.

More than 300 well-wishers attended the buffet-styled reception. They feasted on natural foods, catered by the Richmond Caters. Placed on each table were beautiful centerpieces made of carnations and yellow mums.

The bride and groom cut a four-tiered bridge wedding cake, trimmed with white and yellow roses. The cake rested on a table, topped with white lace with a yellow underlay.

After a two-week honeymoon to Burmuda, the bride and groom will make their home in Philadelphia, Pa.

Out of town guests from New York were: Hari Dam Kaur, Edna Hill, Anita Jenkins, Joan Napalioh, Susan Crawford and Elaine Spivey.

Guests who came from Chicago were Mr. and Mrs. Elias Williams and daughter, Elease Williams; Bridget Eaton; Mr. Rogers Pier and daughter, Mrs. Leola Malone.

Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Adam Berrell, Cheryl Cooper, Joseph Reed, Renee Chenault, all calsamates of Mrs. Dandridge.

RADIANT COUPLE — The former Miss Karen Alice Cormick and Martin Dandridge smile radiantly following their double ring ceremony at St. John Baptist Church in Columbia, Md.

AFRO Photo by Mark Uhl

TV REPORTER WEDS — Dwight Smith, former news reporter with WMAR TV 2, married Leslie Young of Baltimore during wedding ceremonies Aug. 30 at Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church. The former Miss Young is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Young of Baltimore. Smith, originally from Indianapolis, Ind., worked at Channel 2 from 1975 to 1979 and now works with a television station in Dayton, Ohio. The couple is honeymooning n Bermuda.

Miss Hogue weds Mr. Addison

Permelia M. Hogue and Sherman L. Addison were united in marriage recently at Strawbridge United Methodist Church. The Rev. Yusef Ahmed of that church officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thomas of the 800 block Fifth Avenue, New York and the groom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Addison, Smithfield, Va. The groom resides in the 700 block of Alabama Ave., Washington, D.C.

The bride, given in marriage by her stepfather Richard Thomas, wore a gown of white alencon lace ovar tiered organza. Lacy flowed into a cathedral train covered with sequins. The gown was designed by Priscilla.

For her bouquet, the bride carried a cascade of burgundy roses and pink carnations to coordinate with her wedding colors of pink and burgundy.

Maid of honor was Angela Gaither of Baltimore. Bridesmaids were Martha White of Alexandria, Va., Charlene Press and Annette Bevans-Marsh, both of Baltimore.

George Bradby of Smithfield, Va. was best man. Ushers were Earl Addison; also of Smithfield, Leory Addison, Norfolk, Va., and Archie Addison of Baltimore.

Music selections were performed by Octavia Williams of Oxen Hill, Md.

The reception was held at La Fontaine Bleu. The couple honeymooned at Villa Hilton Head Island, S.C.

The bride is a 1975 graduate of Norfolk State University and is currently a graduate student at Johns Hopkins University. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc, and is employed by Baltimore City public schools.

The groom is a 1968 graduate of Norfolk State University and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. He is employed as assistant to the financial director of Howard University Hospital, Washington, D.C.

Out-of-town guests attended from New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pannsylvania, Washington, D.C. and Virginia.

Tyrone Press of Baltimere directed the wedding.

The couple is residing in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Sherman L. Addison
(The former Permelia M. Hogue)

Patrice Abrams wins black beauty title

Patrice Abrams, 20, recently captured the first runner title in the Miss Black America pagaent held in Montego Bay, Jamaica. She is the niece of Mrs. Anne Wood of Baltimore.

The Union, S.C. native performed a modern jazz dance routine to the tune "Sweet Georgia Brown" and was selected as one of the 10 finalists in the bathing suit contest.

Her colleagues selected her as "Miss Positivity," one of the most important categories in the contest.

Miss Abrams is a junior at Limestone College in Gaffney, S.C. where she is a music major. She has studied dancing under renowned instructors and plans to pursue a career in this

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