



Romance
and May Showers

Karen Eke and Craig Rowe

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Karen's father's dream was to walk his little girl down the aisle, as is any father's dream. Karen's father, however, has Multiple Sclerosis and walking was extremely hard for him. During the rehearsal, he did very well practicing the walk, but then the entire ceremony was moved further down the garden to be situated in front of the Chihuly exhibit. This was much further for Karen's dad to walk, but he did it. It took some time and Karen managed to crack some jokes along the way saying, "We're coming!" and that seemed to help. Her father made it all the way down the aisle.

The first time Karen and Craig saw each other on their wedding day, it had just started to sprinkle. The wind was picking up and they both seemed to know that it wasn't a good sign and that the heavens were about to open. The rain came and the Officiant sped through the ceremony. All the guests even started reciting the vows too, to egg them on and rush the ceremony, so that they could all dry off! It was all very laid back and amazing. The ceremony took all of seven minutes and as the happy couple went back down the aisle as husband and wife, Craig picked Karen up and ran with her in his arms toward the reception site as it poured down on top of them!

The décor was an eggplant purple theme with a romantic and very natural infusion. Karen wanted the décor to echo the surroundings. The ceremony site was simple; there was no need to dress up the already beautiful Special Events Garden. They were married in front of the rockery, which housed some artwork from the Chihuly exhibit. The artwork included several tall electric blue rods shooting out from the earth. The garden spoke for itself and needed little additional décor.

At the reception site just a few steps away, the table names were all the counties of England instead of numbers and they were submerged in vases filled with water. Traditional English flowers, as well as tulips and Callas, were draped on the tables and seemed to be oozing out of old lanterns. The linens included a combination of eggplant purple linens with pewter linens mixed in to offset it. The wedding party's flowers were all different and included orchids for the bride and groomsmen, as well as Calla lilies, and various other draping flowers for the bridesmaids. The bride also had a bouquet of Calla lilies and orchids. The tent looked fabulous with the amber up-lights strategically placed around it.

As the evening went on it seemed that the rain added to the event. It didn't spoil anything! Karen and Craig just laughed about it and were so ecstatic that they were married. They knew they were about to have the time of their lives with their friends and family.

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Ceremony and Reception Site: Cheekwood; Event Planner: Angela Young Proffitt of Elegant Weddings By Angela; Bridal Gown: Faccio Bridal; Formalwear: Street Tuxedo;

Floral Designer: Reveal Events Style; Cupcakes: Gigi's; Lighting: Nashville Event Lighting; Ceremony Music: David Angell; Reception Music: Spangler Entertainment; Décor Rentals: FABU; Rentals: Music City Tents & Events; Invitations: Buchanan Ink;

Transportation: Matchless Limousine

