



The Riel Family Newsletter

Catch the News

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Kristy and Seamus wedding takes place as scheduled on Saturday, August 4th, 2007



What's the matter with this song we're singing?
Can't you tell that it used to be cool?
Maybe we should just keep on drinking,
Then we wouldn't look the part of the fool.
Who made the rules, they seem kind of funny,
You can't get hitched till you spend a lot of money.
What the heck, another check, bills are climbing to our necks,
It's still matrimony to us.

What's the matter with the groom we're seeing,
Does he know he'll be single no more?
All the college cuties who he used to make eyes at
See his ring and make a run for the door.
It's just not fair what they ask of a fellow,
All this fidelity could just make you bellow,
That's tough, one's enough, Kristy's got the right stuff,
It's still matrimony to us.

What's the matter with the bride we're observing,
Does she know that the presents will stop?
Once the vows and the toasts have been given,
And the crystal is replaced by a mop.
Don't worry Seamus, she's a happy little camper,
Feed her by 5 and you won't see her scamper,
First kiss, wedded bliss, the two of you just couldn't miss,
It's still matrimony to us.

What's the matter with crowd that we're seeing,
Don't they know that they've played a big part?
Seamus and Kristy have all these great people,
Who will always reside in their hearts.
We love you Kristy and we love you Seamus
And we won't forget you when all of us are famous
Oh no, one day to go, then you'll really be betrothed,
It's still matrimony to us.

Everybody's talking 'bout the new couple
Funny, but it's still matrimony to us.

The week-end of August 4th through the 6th was a busy and significant one for the Gillingham, Keith, and Riel families. It started on Friday afternoon, with the wedding rehearsal at St. Vincent's church. At 6:00 p.m. the invited guests convened at the Catamaran Resort Hotel on Mission Bay Drive. Drinks and a great buffet dinner were served at the lawn in the rear of the hotel, overlooking a portion of the Mission Bay Park area. After the dinner a series of speeches by various members of the families were made, mostly directed at Seamus' and Kristy's past activities and future plans. The highlight of the program was a rousing rendition of the adjoining original lyrics, written by the Bride's parents, Listy and Bob, and set to the tune of - (none of the singers we have talked to knew what



tune was used...maybe that is why...well)... we will sort it out later.

After a lot of friendly conversation, the party broke up in anticipation of a busy schedule on the wedding day.

We express our thanks to the Keith family for this great party.



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The Wedding Day



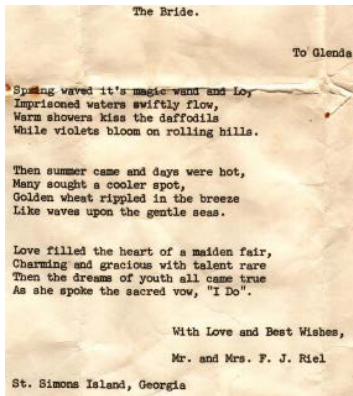
Grandmother of
the Bride
Edith

Friday, August 3, 2007

Come to the Rehearsal Dinner at the Catamaran at
6:00 pm (outdoor, on the grass, semi-casual)

Saturday, August 4, 2007

12:00p.m. Arrive at Final Cut if you want Francie to
do your hair
1:00 p.m. Wedding party leaves
3:00 Ceremony begins
4:00 Stay for Pictures
4:30 Go to Parker for Cocktail Party
5:30 Move to Dinner area
5:50 Toast
6:45 Dance
7:30 Cake
Have a drink and relax....we made it....

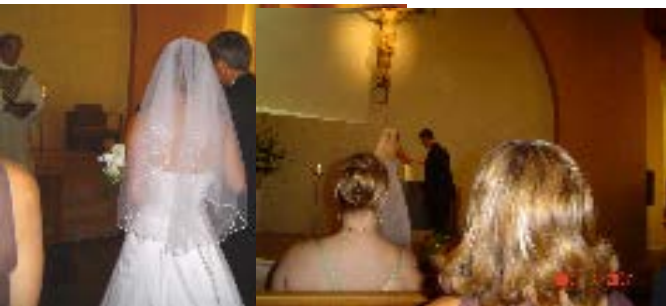


On Saturday the wedding was off to a great start, as the Bride and her bridesmaids met at Francie's salon for a final touch-up of make-up, costume, and hair-do. It appeared to be pretty frantic, with a few other key players also there. However, Francie was able to take care of everyone, and the party soon was waiting for the limo Listy had reserved. In the usual family flair for total organization, each of the players was provided with a schedule for the entire day. By 2:30 the crowd was gathering on the front steps of the church. Shortly the doors were opened and everyone took their seats. On schedule Kristy and Bob came down the aisle and the ceremony began. Everything went as planned and the vows were sealed. Afterwards a series of photos were taken by the event photographer and then the crowd set out for Francis Parker Lower School, to start the reception party. The guests enjoyed drinks and snacks served in the school courtyard. After a while the wedding party arrived, and all adjourned to the outdoor dining area, where tables were set up with assigned places for everyone. Music was provided by a DJ, who entertained the crowd during the serving of the buffet dinner. When everyone had settled down, Bob and Listy Introduced a series of speakers who expressed best wishes to the new couple. Grandpa Riel spoke briefly, and read a poem titled "The Bride". The author was Kristy's great grandfather, who wrote the poem around 1965, when he and his wife were enjoying retirement at St. Simons Island, Georgia. After the various speeches the music was turned up and the new couple showed off their dancing skills. Then the father of the bride and the mother of the groom joined in, followed by the rest of the guests. Soon the dance floor was packed with enthusiastic and happy dancers. Even Grandma and Grandpa took the floor and joined in the excitement and fun. Soon the dancers began to tire out, and the wedding cake was cut and served to the guests. Thus ended a great party, and the end of a perfect day. We join the many others who wish the very best future for Kristy and Seamus. Also, we thank Bob and Listy, along with all the others who helped, especially Birdy, and Francie, in putting on an outstanding wedding celebration.

The Ceremony



Processional
Opening Prayer
First Reading
Marie Hunter
Gospel Reading
Exchange of Vows
Exchange of Rings
Lighting of the Unity Candle
Prayers of the Faithful
Ellie Servais
Presentation of the Gifts
Kim Holsten
Azure Edwards
Communion
Recessional



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The Reception

The rest of the wedding day story is best told with a few of the many pictures taken throughout the afternoon and evening.



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Brian tours America by car

We have the following report on Brian's cross country jaunt.

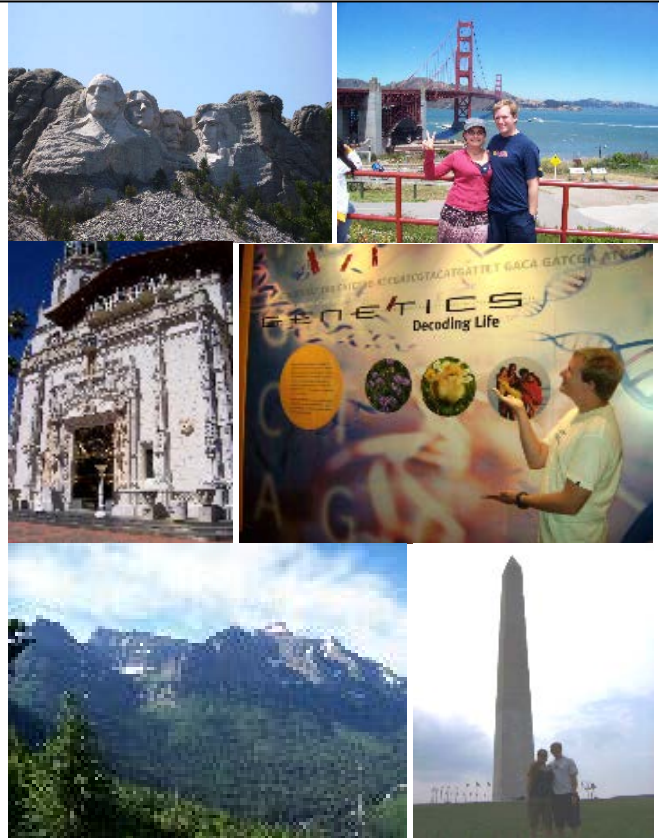
Hey Grandpa,

I'm e-mailing you to tell you about my road trip I just got back from. For a bit of background, Rachel and I last summer thought it would be cool to take a road trip across the US and see the sights. We talked to our parents, they agreed, and we started to save our money. A year later we had saved up just about \$3,000. We were worried this might not be enough for our month long trip, but we weren't about to back out, so we went anyway. We left the morning of July 2nd. We started our trip with a visit to Hearst's Castle. That is a very cool place; we learned a lot about its history! We proceeded to San Francisco and saw lots of cool things there as well. We continued up the coast into Oregon, where we started heading east. We went along the border between Oregon and Washington to see the beautiful waterfalls and mountain in the area. We then drove up into northern Montana to see Glacier National Park. It is a very cool place, and we got to see some mountain goats as well. Then we headed south towards Yellowstone N.P. and that's where we saw many geysers and hot springs. We also drove around the park and saw deer, buffalo, and bears! Then it was east again to Mount Rushmore, and we were amazed at all the history behind it, and why it was built. After seeing that we continued east to Chicago, I have a friend who lives there, so I saw him, and we went to the Museum of Science and Industry. That's a very cool museum!! Then we headed east to New York City!!! It was a very busy place, lots of people and cars. We walked around Time Square and Central Park, and then we saw the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. After N.Y. we went south to Washington D.C. and saw as much as we could. Our visit wasn't the best due to my car being towed because we failed to see a posted sign saying "No Parking 4-6:30PM" so we ended up staying in a hotel just outside of D.C. Luckily the state paid my towing fee and I only spent \$20 getting the car out, along with \$100 dollar ticket which I'm trying to get reduced some way some how. (It doesn't hurt to try!!) After all that fiasco we headed west. We stopped in Lee's Summit MO and Drexel MO to see family. After that we went south again into Branson MO. That's where we had more car trouble! My radiator broke! Or so we thought, since the mechanic at the gas station showed me the problem and said I should just order a new one and then he can fix it for a cheap price, (me knowing nothing about cars I called my dad, who agreed) so when I ordered the part and went to a place to have it installed (I wanted to see who was cheaper first) they pointed out that it was my A/C, not my radiator! So, we went through all that for nothing. I was fortunate and was able to return the part and spent no money on the matter! But we did see some very cool museums while in Branson waiting for the part to arrive! Then we drove for 16 hours the next day to get to my aunt's cabin in Pagosa Springs (we really wanted a free place to stay). Then we headed to my friend Petey's house. We were there for his brothers wedding, which was wonderful. After that we headed into Phoenix to pick up a friend of Rachel's. Then we headed to the Grand Canyon and then home!! We got back July 30th. We drove a total of 10,500 miles!!! But now it's back to work! My whole week is full of plans so I'm very busy!!! I am sending pictures along with this e-mail but only a few.

There are too many to send all of them (for an example, we just put 500 on my computer today!) I hope everything is going good and I can't wait to see you guys! Love, Brian Riel

p.s. we both ended up with at least \$200 dollars each!! We did very well money wise as well as time wise!!

Thanks, Brian, for this excellent trip report, and also the pictures. It sounds like you had a great time, and some special experiences.



Some family news items

Richard and JJ spent a few days in Mexico, fishing. We are promised a report for the next RFNL. **Francie** reports that **Brett**, who is in New York attending movie making classes, will be visiting San Diego soon. His latest movie will be shown at the Temecula Film Festival in September. **Robert** spent a few days in Sitka, Alaska, on a company fishing party for some customers. We hope to have a report and some fish stories about the huge halibut he caught. Both **Curtis** and **Michelle** were in town for the wedding, and they joined us for Monday lunch at the San Diego Brewing Co. restaurant. Afterwards, **Bruce** and **Curtis** joined Grandpa and Grandma for a round of golf at Admiral Baker. **Curtis** had with him his collection of 12 coins he has earned for excellent performance in Korea. We have a scan of the entire set, which we will print in the next RFNL. **Michelle** is making great progress toward her PhD degree at U. Mass. **Grandma and Grandpa** have had two days at the Del Mar Race Track, one with **Carol, Jeff and Jeff's Mom Audrey**. The other day was with **Margaret** and two of her friends, **Barbara and Shirley**. There were no big winners, but we all had a great time. **Bob and Listy** took off after the wedding for a much needed vacation. They are visiting Rome and some of the surrounding Italian cities. **Birdy and Bruce** opted for a shorter vacation, a few days in Las Vegas. We look forward to lots of reports for the next RFNL.