



Grace & Michael Wall

Grace Telford and Michael Wall were married on August 15, 2007 in a beach ceremony in Panama City Beach, Florida.

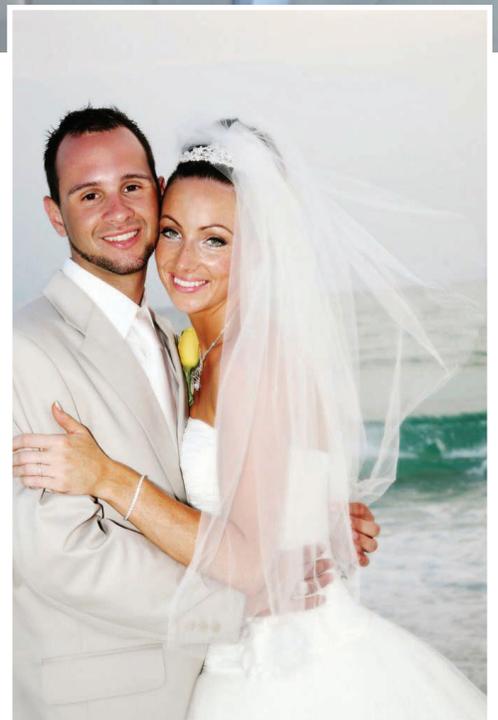
Grace and Michael have quite an interesting story to tell in term of how they “came to be” as a couple. Michael first lay eyes on Grace when the two of them were out socializing with friends- in Michael’s home state of Virginia.

Michael approached Grace and they began to talk. In the conversation Michael learned that Grace was from Dublin, Ireland, and was only in Virginia for the summer while

working at Busch Gardens as part of an Irish dancing production. The two went on a few dates but thought that nothing more could ever come from their meeting, since Grace had to return home to Ireland in a few weeks.

Love, as they say, transcends oceans, and the next summer Mike got a passport and took his first ever trip abroad. This visit to see Grace in Dublin was one of many “hops across the pond” that Michael would take.

For four years Grace came back each summer to work in the





charms. All of this took place under the wonderfully decorated wedding canopy that included a candle lit champagne table. All captured in stills by the highly talented lens work of Genya Garrett of Vue Photography,

and on video by Sarah Powers Media, both of Panama City.

production at Busch Gardens, and every year Michael and her were more and more inseparable. The two finally got engaged in July of 2006, during a time when Grace's family were all in Virginia visiting for the holiday. Michael even asked Grace's dad for permission to ask for her hand in marriage, before dropping to one knee and popping the big question. Grace, of course, said, Yes!

The wedding was held on the beach and was coordinated and directed by Susan Long of Panama City Weddings. The ceremony included a unity sand and rose petal ceremony, as well as a blessing of the marriage, by the sea. The bride was escorted- by her father- down a rose petal strewn path, along the white sand, while the traditional Bridal Chorus, was played by classical violinist, Joshua Snellgrove.

Following the ceremony, Grace and Michael toasted each other with chilled Korbel in matching crystal flutes adorned with whimsical seashell

The bride wore an ivory, strapless, Oleg Cassini, princess cut dress, that featured a rose design on the left hip. Her bridesmaids wore strapless dresses in cornflower blue, to match the blue shirts and khaki pants worn by the groomsmen; while the groom was dressed in a gray suit coupled with a white shirt and tie.

The bridal bouquet was an eclectic mix of white and yellow calla lilies, wrapped in white satin with pearl pins. Grace's bridesmaids carried two white calla lilies, hand tied with a sheer yellow ribbon. All floral was courtesy of Musgrove Florist of Panama City Beach.

The couple's guests were all invited to a wonderful reception held at the Grande Pavilion, on the property of Marriott's Bay Point Resort in Panama City Beach. The reception featured a variety of wonderful food and included a



gorgeous three-tier wedding cake, provided by Sugar Art by Angela. The cake was done in white vanilla sponge, and accented by edible seashells and an edible white chocolate clam topper with cascading pearls. The groom had a homemade fruitcake, made by his aunt, that was flown in from Ireland for the special occasion.

After enjoying the company of all their friends and family, the new, Mr. & Mrs. Wall, left their reception in style, in a long stretch limo, and headed off into the beautiful Emerald Coast night.

Grace and Michael spent a week honeymooning in Key West before returning home to Williamsburg, Virginia where the couple- and their new golden retriever puppy, Brody- are enjoying life as a family. •

