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# *lasting* IMPRESSIONS

Lindsey & Jeffrey Walters

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"I wish I could say it was love at first sight but that would be a lie!" Lindsey says, when describing her first encounter with now husband Jeff. "In my first class at Chico State there was this loud, obnoxious guy who kept going on about how he was too smart for the class. All I could think was 'man this guy is annoying.'" Hanging out in the dormitory with some friends one day, Lindsey met a "tall, dark and handsome" guy with the special "talent" of replicating the entire dance to Usher's "Confession." "After hanging out with him, I discovered that this tall dark and handsome man was, in fact, the annoying guy from class... and the rest is history!"


Jeff proposed to Lindsey under the Eiffel Tower on an excursion to Paris during her last semester abroad. Back at home and out of school, the couple eagerly began to plan their nuptials. "I would have loved to have a fall wedding, however, that is when I become a football widow," laughs Lindsey. However, she did get her wish to have an outdoor wedding. "Our expectation was to have a wedding where our guests had a great time," she says.

After a year-and-a-half engagement that Lindsey notes was six months too long, planning and waiting often turned agonizing and stressful. "There were times that we just wanted to throw

in the towel and sneak off to Vegas or Reno," admits the bride, "but our better judgment kicked in, thank goodness!"

When the big day finally arrived, the couple chose to take pictures before the ceremony to save some time, a choice Lindsey says was one of the best they made. "Our first meeting together was very intimate and emotional. We cried, we hugged, we kissed, we smiled, and we both knew that this was the first day of the rest of our lives together!" she remembers.

While the ceremony was short, though quite sweet and personal, the reception lasted deep into the night. "Our reception was the most fun I have ever had," shares Lindsey. The couple made sure to throw in special touches unique to them, including a selection of personal songs played by their "amazing" DJ, and an original dessert. "We decided that we did not want cake so instead we went with a New York style cheesecake. You really cannot go wrong with cheesecake!"

The event was especially poignant for the bride, who was able to share the special day with her grandmother, Little Paka, who passed away in late January of this year. "It was great being able to celebrate with all the people we love," she says. "The atmosphere was full of love, energy, excitement and joy!" 

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**Ceremony & Reception Site**  
**David Girard Vineyards**  
 530-295-1833  
[davidgirardvineyards.com](http://davidgirardvineyards.com)  
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**Photographer**  
**True Love Photo**  
 916-223-2384, [truelovephoto.com](http://truelovephoto.com)  
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**Miosa Bride**  
 916-443-1301, [miosabride.com](http://miosabride.com)  
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**Bella Vita Invitations**  
 916-682-8226  
[bellavitainvitations.com](http://bellavitainvitations.com)  
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 916-212-5179, [flourishdesigns.com](http://flourishdesigns.com)  
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