

Long, Roberts exchange wedding vows in Lawton, Oklahoma

Stefanie Kay Long and Jeremy Scott Roberts exchanged wedding vows in a double ring ceremony at 3 p.m. April 29 at the First Baptist Church in Lawton, Oklahoma, with the Rev. Dr. Gary Cook, pastor, officiating, and the Rev. Michael Middlebrooks, minister of youth and college, assisting.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Jon S. Long of Lawton, Oklahoma. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hooper of Fletcher, Oklahoma, and Mr. Clifton Long of Bossier, Louisiana.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Seals Jr. of Eagle

Lake and Mr. Steven Roberts of Longview. He is the grandson of Lyn Finley of Vancouver, Washington; Joyce Seals of Garland, Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lowrey of Mesquite, Texas.

Serving as maid of honor was Kristina Head of Lawton.

Bridesmaids included Melissa Gordon of Lawton, Abby Outlaw of Stillwater, and Kami Buckingham of Shawnee. Ms. Head and Ms. Gordon are long-time childhood friends of the bride and Ms. Outlaw and Ms. Buckingham were suitmates with the bride while attending Oklahoma Baptist

University.

The attendants wore short sleeved gowns of lavender satin overlaid with lavender chiffon. The bodices, designed with a squared scooped neckline in front and back, were embroidered with a wandering vine design in a deeper shade of lavender. The empire waistlines were accented with lavender chiffon piping that commenced in the back with a lavender satin bow and a single layer chiffon floor length train. Each attendant wore a pendant necklace with matching earrings, a gift from the bride, and carried a long stem pale pink rose with a lavender ribbon.

Best Man was Jeremy Geren, friend of the groom, of Oklahoma City and formerly of Lawton. Groomsmen included James Holley Jr., friend of the groom, of Lawton, Larry "Rick" Finley, cousin of the groom, of Eugene, Oregon, and Matthew Willoughby, friend of the groom, of Lawton.

The groom's attendants were each dressed in black tuxedos with charcoal and silver print vests and matching bow ties, and a white rose boutonniere.

Ringbearer was Stephen Remich, friend of the bride and groom, of Lawton and he was attired in a black tuxedo and black bow tie with a white rose boutonniere. He carried a small white bible that the bride's mother carried when she married.

Flowergirls were Madison Kincaid, cousin of the bride, of Fletcher, OK and Ansley Moore of Lawton. They wore matching sleeveless pale lavender satin gowns with organza overlays with an empire waistline accented by a flowered trim and each carried a wicker basket of fresh rose petals.

The lighting of the candles was carried out by Amanda Kincaid, cousin of the bride, of Fletcher, OK and Marie Studley, cousin of the groom, of Mesquite. They wore matching sleeveless pale yellow satin gowns with organza overlays, styled as the flowergirls. All wore flowers in their hair.

Ushers included Chris Johnson of Garland, and Matt Johnson of Waxahachie, Texas, cousins of the groom, Joshua Aldrin, cousin of the bride, of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Charlie Staats, friend of the groom, of Lawton.

The mothers of the bride and groom, after being escorted in, shared in the lighting of the candles on each side of unity candle.

The bride's mother wore a pink two piece suit. The long sleeved jacket had a sweetheart neckline, was outlined with a pink embroidered trim, and had a matching long skirt.

The groom's mother chose an iced gray satin ensemble with a short sleeved jacket accented by pearl cluster buttons with matching floor length skirt. Each wore a corsage of roses, stephanotis, and freesia.

The church was decorated with a large center candelabra with multi-level candelabra arrangement to each side. The multi-level candelabras, set upon four foot Roman style pillars,

were filled with fresh arrangements of green ferns accented with roses of pale lavender, yellow, pink, and white roses, pink stargazer lilies, pink wax flowers, white stephanotis, white and lavender freesia, and purple statice. Another basket, containing the same type of flower arrangement, was placed in front of the large candelabra. The pews were marked with large white satin ribbon bows, white tulle, and fresh ivy.

The groom, dressed in a black tuxedo, white on white satin vest and white bow tie, had a white rose with a deep lavender pixie as his boutonniere. As the ceremony began the groom entered from a side door carrying a shallow basket of four long stem roses. His attendants then entered from the opposite side of the church and as each one approached, shook hands with the groom, and then each took one of the roses, proceeded to the back of the church to present to and escort the awaiting bride's attendants.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a floor length gown of white satin. The bodice, made of extra white sculptured rose satin accented with crystal beading in an off the shoulder design with a princess styling was fitted at the waist. The skirt, designed with a six-foot flowing train, was overlaid with sheer white tulle and white piped satin trimmed the hemline. Her veil was made of sheer white tulle and trimmed with white piped satin and was attached in her unswept hair by a strand of diamond rhinestones and pearls. The bride wore a pearl necklace encrusted with diamonds with matching earrings, a gift from her parents.

During the ceremony the couple shared communion together and in the lighting of the unity candle which was centered in a heart shaped flower arrangement.

Before the ceremony, music was provided by Tom Willoughby. During the ceremony, music was provided by Donna Middlebrooks, Lisa Cullison, and Dr. and Mrs. Shon Remich, all of Lawton.

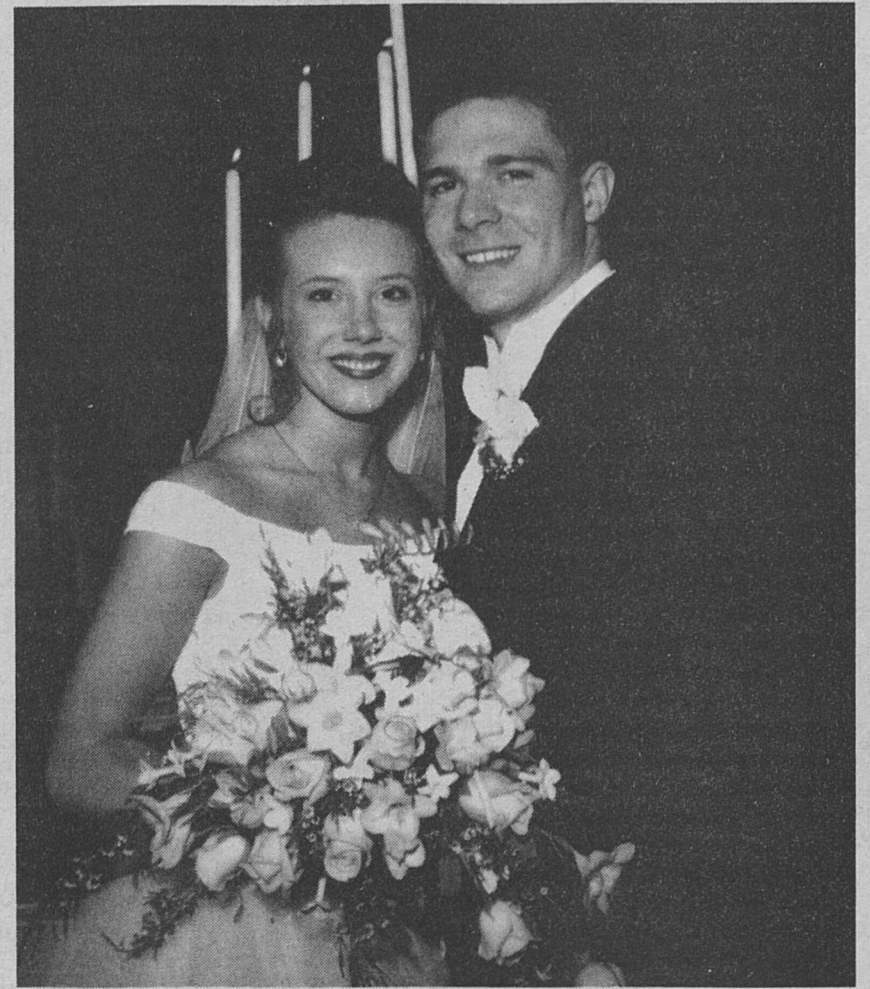
Presiding at the guest registry table was Angela Aldrin, cousin of the bride, of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church's Reception Room.

The eight floor to ceiling pillars were draped with tulle, ivy, and accented with butterflies. The bride's table was centered in front of a white lattice garden arbor with a lavender backdrop. The arbor, covered on top with greenery, was adorned with purple wisteria and pale pink roses which hung from the front edge. Inside the arbor white tulle and ivy were draped and butterflies were used to complete the garden setting. The wedding cake, consisting of six independent layers on pedestals of various heights, were made of white, strawberry, and Italian cream. Each layer was topped with fresh roses, purple statice, lavender freesia and ivy.

The groom's table highlighting the groom's profession, centered on a chocolate "Fire Station" cake, complete with fire truck, bunker gear, fire hydrant, and Dalmatian. A collector's antique fire truck, a gift to the groom from his parents, was placed on the table to the side of the cake.

Assistants at the reception included Evelyn Neal, Doris Prichard, Patty Ryder, Betty Barnett, Mary Buchwald, Sarah Buchwald, Rachael



Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Scott Roberts

Smith, Laura Smith, Tonda Hunt, Audra Hunt, Jennifer Reno, Misty Wetmore, Lori Beth Wetmore, Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Spannagel and Mary Bradley.

After a honeymoon cruise to Key West, Florida and the Bahamas, the couple now reside in Tulsa.

The bride is a graduate student at Northeastern State University pursuing a master's degree in speech and language pathology. The bridegroom is employed as a firefighter by the Broken Arrow Fire Department, is a Senior Airman in the Oklahoma Air National Guard, and as an EMT Instructor for Oklahoma State University.

A rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents, was held in the banquet room of the Ramada Inn the evening before the wedding.

Other pre-nuptial events included a holiday shower given in the home of Mary Buchwald by Mrs. Buchwald and Sarah Buchwald; a shower in the home of Joyce Meadors by Prissy Abshire, Mary Bradley, Katie Cox, Margie Douglas, Nancy Ferrell, Gay Gordon, Jerry Hodges, Tonda Hunt, Jennifer Head, Anna Lou Johnson, Melinda Massey, Joyce Meadors, Pat Miller, Mary Ann Robinson, Rachel Smith, and Jan Spannagel; a personal shower in the home of Robert and Jennifer Head hosted by Kris Head and Candi Corrales; a Tupperware shower given by Viola Burns, Kim Robinson and Cheryl Moore; a brides-

maids luncheon in the home of Lesta Jackson by Connie Bloese, Mary Buchwald, Lesta Jackson, and Doris Prichard; and a surprise bath shower given by Girls in Action of First Baptist Church of Lawton.

Special out of town guests from the groom's family included the following uncles and aunts: Dale Finley of Steele, Missouri; Larry Finley of Vancouver, Washington, and Rodger Finley of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Rob and Kim Knowles of Wichita, Kansas, Chad and Rhonda Maloney, Paul and Janey Johnson, Gary and Linda Seals, Debbie Dean, Philip and Angela Smith, and Amy Rios, all of the Dallas area.

Cousins of the groom included Van and Lynette VanArsdale of Springfield, Missouri, Kelli Johnson, Amanda Dean, Shannon Maloney, Adam Studley, Nicolas Smith, and D.J., Justin, and Lacy Abercrombie, all of the Dallas area. And friends John Humphrey of Elgin, Texas, Susie Blackmon of Rusk, Texas, and John, Brenda and Colin Crawford of Wagoner, OK.

From the bride's family uncles and aunts were: Don Long of Amarillo, Texas, Keith and Molly Long of Riosdosa, New Mexico, Janie Aldrin of Midland, Texas, and Thomas and Celeste Eaves of Spring, Texas. Cousins included Kim Long of Amarillo and William and Amber Long of Riosdosa, New Mexico.

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•Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor unveiled a new Internet

resource page to help small businesses make wise insurance choices and save money. The new Internet Resource for Small Businesses is available online at www.tdi.state.tx.us.

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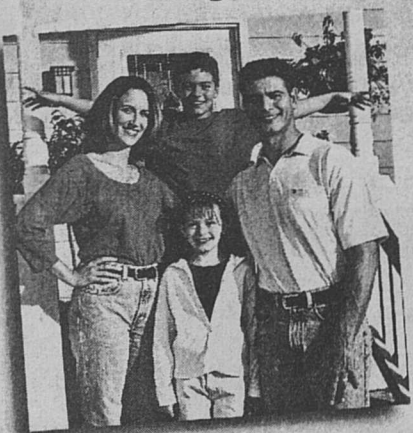
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