

Amanda Goodman & Frank Alvarado

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Like a seed that grows into a tree, Amanda and Frank Alvarado's relationship grew strong from years of tending. They met at the University of Texas at San Antonio at a house party at Frank's fraternity. Amanda was in a sorority and they had many mutual friends. Though they met when he was a senior and she was a junior, it wasn't until years later when they began working together that their relationship blossomed.

While working together, Frank nursed his crush on Amanda for a year before he asked her on a date. Five years later, the couple planned a vacation to Las Vegas. On the second day of their 4-day trip, Frank planned for a limo to take the couple to dinner. The limo dropped them off at the Venetian and the couple took a romantic ride on a gondola. In a moment they'd never forget, Frank proposed to Amanda under the twinkling lights of Vegas as their gondolier sang. After overcoming her initial shock, Amanda said yes.

Two years later, Amanda and Frank arrived at the Spring Hill Event Center for their outdoor wedding on the cool, breezy Saturday evening of August 19, 2009. Amanda walked down the petal-covered aisle in an ivory gown with gold accents by Ventura Bridal. Her bridesmaids wore cranberry dresses by

Alfred Angelo. Frank and his groomsmen wore tuxes from Al's Formal Wear. Pianist Jane Rundquist and her band Too Blue, sang and played piano during the bridal procession. The couple wrote their own vows and read them to each other before being announced as Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alvarado. They walked out of their ceremony to their song, You and Me by Kenny Chesney.

Amanda expressed her overwhelming delight with San Antonio's own Patterson Photography. "Patterson Photography was amazing! Not knowing what you'll get when shopping for a photographer, I was more than pleased with the professionalism, talent and punctual arrival time of Patterson Photography." They were everywhere without being noticed." Guests enjoyed not one, but six delicious catered food stations by Leave It To Us Catering. The reception decor was designed by Amanda's mother Julie and her long time friend Houston. Her grandmother Nancy, with the help of Amanda's Aunt Chris, (former florists) designed the lovely boutonnieres, corsages, and bridal party bouquets. Oak Hill Florist provided beautiful flower arrangements with red roses, red daisies, white lilies, and white snapdragons. The Bride's three tiered cake featured the top layer as a red velvet cake with cream cheese filling and a mouth-watering

cream cheese icing. The two bottom layers consisted of a delightful lemon cake with amazing raspberry filling and a buttercream icing that was absolutely delicious! Frank's chocolate groom's cake was to die for with its white chocolate covered strawberries, bavarian cream filling, and a delectable cream cheese icing. Both cakes were specially prepared by Diana of Buono Dolce Signature Desserts. Amanda was so pleased with the affordable, scrumptious cakes but a bit disappointed when her guests came back for seconds and sometimes thirds. "I only had a slice or two to take home" said Amanda. During the evening, guests dined and danced to tunes that DJ, Jesse Vallado Jr. of Professional Entertainment Services provided before and after toasts by the matron-of-honor, Roxanne Cortez Goodman and best man, George Garcia.

"Our wedding favors consisted of champagne glasses that had our names, wedding date and a floral design scripted in cranberry red to match our wedding colors. We also gave out black beer coozie's that had the saying "To have and to hold, to keep your beer cold" with our names and wedding date scripted on them" Amanda said.

In an especially emotional part of the night, Amanda and her father Tim, danced lovingly together to I Loved Her First by The Heartland.

"I must say the Spring Hill Event Center, Patterson Photography, and of course family and friends did an amazing job in helping set everything up and made our wedding celebration amazing! It was the best night of my life", said Amanda.

As the romantic and fun-filled reception came to an end, guests bid farewell to the bride and groom. Shortly after the celebration, Amanda and Frank flew to Montego Bay for a week-long honeymoon. Their roots are still planted in San Antonio and they look forward to growth, companionship, and a lifetime of bliss together. ♦

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