

Mrs. Brent Dreyer

Via Marie Minore and Brent Jonathan Dreyer were wed in ceremonies conducted by Father John Stoppi in Detroit's Holy Family Church May 27. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Minore of East Detroit, and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dreyer of Farmington Hills.

For her wedding the bride chose a white organza gown, fashioned with ivory lace and fan sleeves. Her full-length veil and fan were designed by Priscilla.

Theresa Curtis served as maid of honor, with bridal attendants Annette Agrusa, Kim Franceschina, Stephanie Anderson and Mara Tolot. They wore flowing ivory gowns and carried parasols.

Keith Dreyer served as his brother's

best man, with groomsmen Dave DuPriest, Mark Goben, Mike Guzdial and Tom Wightman.

Holly Lynn Lewis, and Jason Dreyer, a niece and nephew of the groom, served as flower girl and ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of South Lake High School in St. Clair Shores. The groom is a graduate of North Farmington High School. Both will graduate from Michigan State University this spring. The is a pre-medical student and works as a professional musician.

The newlyweds received guests in Hillcrest Country Club after the wedding ceremony before leaving on a wedding trip to Bermuda, Acapulco, San Juan and Barbados.



Schroll-Mason wedding was not your everyday common ordinary rite

By SUSAN TAUBER KLEIN

It looked like it would be a typical wedding. The bride wore a long white gown. The husband-to-be was dressed in a formal blue tuxedo. The judge was officially adorned in his black robe.

That's where the comparison ends for the wedding of Karen Schroll and Kevin Mason.

For example, the ceremony on the grounds of Avon Township's Michigan Christian College was witnessed by throngs of people sitting on bleachers and was heard over the air waves on WCAR.

And after Judge Robert Shipper from 52nd District Court (Rochester) finished the traditional wedding ceremony, the newlyweds were swept off the ground in the maiden voyage of a red hot air balloon. The bride threw flowers and her wedding bouquet from the gondola to friends below.

"It was something else," said the 18-year-old bride from Farmington. "It was so gorgeous in the balloon. The sky was so clear."

Her husband, Kevin, 21, from Pontiac, enjoyed the balloon ride too, she said.

JUST HOW DID this couple get to be married in front of three television station crews and then ascend into the air?

They responded to a notice in a Detroit daily newspaper for couples interested in being married and then flying in a hot air balloon as part of the festivities of the Third Annual Rochester HighAmerica Balloon Festival.

The couple, one of many who responded to the offer, were interviewed by Linden Harding, proprietor of HighAmerica, at the Avon Township headquarters.

"I interviewed about a dozen couples," Harding said. "I selected Karen and Kevin because they seemed to want to do this more than any of the others."

Harding flew the Masons in their nuptial flight across the scenic landscape. He landed the balloon, owned by Birmingham Camera, in a green field by Hamlin Road.

"It was fantastic," Harding said. "Karen and Kevin were walking across the field, just as the sun was setting. It was really beautiful."

A chauffeured limousine picked them up and returned them to MCC.

Shipper said the Mason's wedding was the most unusual he's ever performed.

"The pilot (Harding) was inflating the balloon and trying to keep it from tipping over. I could see I would have to perform the wedding fast." The ceremony lasted five minutes.

"I didn't want to accompany the newlyweds in the balloon because I didn't know where they would land," Shipper added.

WATCHING THE event were the couple's parents, August and Beverly Schroll and Loreen Mason. Karen's sister Kathy was the bridesmaid. Five-year-old Jeff Swanson of Rochester was the ring bearer.

The Masons were planning on getting married Aug. 19. Luckily, Mrs. Mason said, they already had purchased their rings and she had her wedding gown.

They aren't sorry they didn't wait for a more traditional wedding.

"It was so beautiful, just floating up there. I would recommend getting married this way to anyone," Mrs. Mason said.

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