



Picking out wedding flowers was one of the tasks that turned out to be more detailed than Kevin O'Connor and Dana Deane ever imagined.

# Planning a special day together

*Each wedding is as different as the couple taking vows. Our 1982 bridal section focuses on one area couple's June wedding plans.*

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When they talked about getting engaged, Dana Deane suggested she help Kevin O'Connor foot the cost of a ring.

"I was real liberated," recalled the bride-to-be. "But he said, 'No.' He couldn't do it."

O'Connor insisted on surprising his fiancée with a diamond — the oval stone she wanted but the band a size off. Almost all the rest of the June wedding arrangements have been handled jointly, though.

"He doesn't know anything about music, so I took care of that," explained Ms. Deane, who said most wedding decisions are being made on the basis of "who is going to be where when."

"We want to share all of this."

FOR THE AREA couple, marriage just seemed a natural result of their two-year courtship.

But they didn't drift into a

permanent relationship — something they believe too many people do. In fact, Ms. Deane pulled out of one steady relationship fearing she was drifting into marriage.

"With Kevin, it's more than just being comfortable. I think we really do bring out the best in each other," explained the Beverly Hills resident, who met her Plymouth fiancé while studying at General Motors Institute in Flint.

"He's fun to be with. We laugh all the time."

For O'Connor, there is no doubt that his fiancée is the person he wants to spend his life with. "If I didn't feel that way, I wouldn't be getting married," said the GMI senior firmly.

"What counts is having a good time with someone when you're not on a date. Everybody has a good time on a date," he said, admitting his fiancée's love of good food has added 30 pounds to his 6-foot-2-inch frame.

"We enjoy spending so much time together. There are very few things we enjoy doing apart."

WHEN THEY FIRST discussed a wedding, the two intended to write their own vows. Sweetest Day was the

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While O'Connor surprised her with an engagement diamond, the couple went together to pick out wedding bands at Charles W. Warren and Co.