

# Brides remain true to tradition

Continued from Page 4

"traditional Jewish ceremony," including the groom's crushing a glass with his foot and prenuptial agreements or a contract of responsibilities. The ceremony featured the words, "to love and honor," omitting "obey." Judy wore a full-length white gown and white veil, while Leonard wore a suit.

"It was the most expensive thing I ever bought then, except for my car and my camera," he said with a laugh.

**THE WEDDING** of 24-year-old Karen Carlsen and 27-year-old Laurence Miller in June 1968 was a formal one, according to Karen, who is called "K.C." because of her maiden name. The event took place in St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Jersey.

"It was very traditional, with the invitations being sent out in a most formal manner and a reception at a country club," the Plymouth resident said. "My father wore a uniform to give me away."

Laurence Mueller wore a tuxedo, while the bride wore a white wedding gown with a long satin train, trimmed with daisy lace. The gown since has been made into a formal dress, and its train into a tuxedo jacket.

**THERE WERE** two wedding cakes: one a four-tier white cake, the other a traditional Danish wedding cake of almond ring pastry.

"In the East Coast, when I was growing up, there were a lot of evening wedd-

ings as opposed to 2 or 4 in the afternoon," K.C. said.

A park in Plymouth was the setting for the August 1981 wedding of Ruth Ann Rice, 40 and Richard Wanserski, 41, of Canton.

The wedding was the second for both Ruth Ann and Richard and involved three separate ceremonies. The first of these took place in the park and included the parents of the bride and groom and their children from the previous marriages.

**AT THE** second ceremony, a "not too formal" church ceremony at St. Paul's Monastery in Detroit the following day, the children were attendants, Ruth Ann says.

"The priest gave his blessing of the marriage," Ruth Ann recalled. "He made a special sermon out of it."

The couple's third ceremony took place at St. Francis De Sales Church in Detroit three months later, after the annulments came through for the previous marriages.

Dress was casual for the ceremonies. For example, Ruth Ann wore a light knit dress for one and short ivory dress for another.

**PLYMOUTH JUDGES** and mayors have seen untraditional touches for the weddings they have performed.

Mary Childs, now a member of The Plymouth City Commission, married 182 couples of all ages in her 1979-81 term as mayor of that community to earn the nickname, "Marryin' Mary."

Childs wrote each ceremony, including such state requirements as stating that the couple came "freely and without reservations" and such traditional vows as "to love, honor and keep, and forsaking all others . . . For better, for worse, for rich, for poor, in sickness and in health," she says. She would type up the ceremony and present it to the couple after the wedding. Only one couple opted to write their own ceremony.

"I TRIED to make it as near a simple church ceremony as I could," Childs said.


"Everybody seemed very pleased. One time a grandmother said to me, 'I wish I had talked to you before the wedding. I worried about my granddaughter not being married in the church. But this was more meaningful than we had in the church.'"

Children from previous marriages were encouraged to take part in Childs' ceremonies.

"I would suggest (the couple) have a little birthstone ring to give to a little girl, for example, so the children would feel part of it," she said.


**EVERY WEDDING** Childs performed was serious, but some had humorous moments, she says. There was the time a little girl in attendance ran home to get corn flakes to throw at the bride and groom, instead of the usual rice or birdseed. Another time the bride presented the groom with a watch, saying "he must watch what he does from now on."

**CREATIVE WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY**



We are the experts. Trust our professionals to capture the spirit of your wedding day.

**25% DISCOUNT**  
Invitations and Accessories  
with wedding contract



## Beautiful Gowns ...to fit every budget!

- Brides
- Bridesmaids
- Moms
- New Gowns
- Special Orders

LET US SELL YOUR  
WEDDING GOWN  
FOR YOU!

For appointment call:  
**674-3597**

Mon. 10-8  
Tues.-Sat. 10-5  
Thurs. 10-9  
Closed Sunday

3255 DIXIE HWY.  
Just W. of  
Scott Lk. Rd.  
Pontiac, Mich.  
48055

Velvet  
Pumpkin  
& Bridal  
Exchange

## Designed Exclusively For You



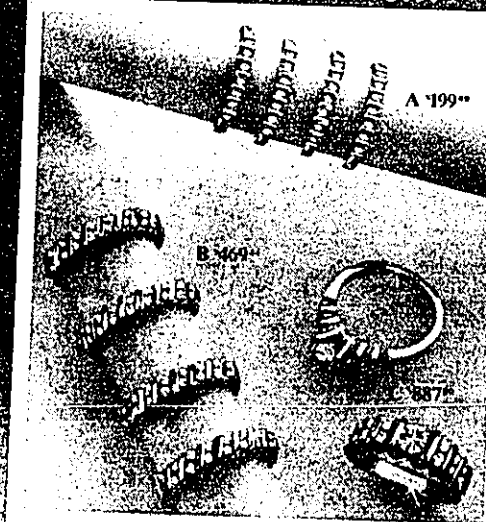
- Custom  
Designed Gowns
- All Alterations on  
Bridal & Prom  
Gowns
- Mother of the  
Bride/Groom
- Custom Sewing
- Monogram-  
ming
- Alterations
- Tailoring



The Fitting Room  
907 N. Main • Rochester  
652-0740

Open Mon. - Sat. 10-4  
Closed Sunday

## A Brilliant Idea!



Diamond Wedding Bands Specially Priced

**Tapper's Jewelry**

We care about your business!

28400 West Twelve Mile Road  
in Southfield's Regency Mall  
Northeast corner of 12 Mile & Northwestern Hwy.

Free Gift wrap  
Cash Refunds

THURSDAYS  
10:00-8:45  
MON.-SAT.  
10:00-8:45

357-5578