

Couple united in July ceremony

Tracy Lynn Riethman and Matthew John Halpin were united in marriage July 26, 2003 at St. Augustine Church, Minster.

The bride is the daughter of Ronald and Eileen Riethman of Minster and the groom is the son of John and Ann Halpin, Powell, Ohio.

The Rev. Mark Armstrong celebrated the nuptial mass. Music was provided by organist Amy Noykos and trumpeter Larry Coppess. Vocalists were Jim Maurer, Brent Miller and Donna Smith.

Escorted down the aisle by her father, the bride chose a white Duchess satin A-line gown. Dramatic diamond pattern beading and a hand beaded empire waistband of pearls and crystals embellished the bodice. A court train complimented the sleeveless V-neck gown. The bride caught her veil in a headpiece band of rhinestones and pearls.

The bride carried a hand-tied bouquet of pale pink Rosalie gerbera daisies combined with white Escimo and pink Marilyn roses accented with seeded eucalyptus and mixed foliage.

Wendy Sommer served her friend

as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Tara Campbell, Elizabeth Chase, Elizabeth Halpin, Nicola Foreman, Deanna Lang and Emily Jones.

Each attendant wore a two piece aquamarine gown of iridescent taffeta. The sleeveless fitted top was designed with a jewel neckline and contrasting piping. An A-line skirt with a back overlay, and contrasting drape and side bow, completed the gown. They carried hand tied bouquets of pink Artisque gerbera daisies encircling yellow freesia and pink alstromeria accented with seeded eucalyptus and mixed foliage.

Kyle Baker, a friend of the groom served as best man. Groomsmen were Mark Halpin, Chip Franz, Ryan Greaney, Scott Schaeffer, Bryan Sicking and Scott Riethman. Ushers were Michael Halpin and Greg Riethman.

The groom chose a black dinner jacket and matching pleated trousers with a white shirt, Windsor tie and vest. The groomsmen wore identical tuxedos with platinum vests and ties. The fathers chose the same tuxedo with black ties and vests.

The mother of the bride wore a periwinkle three-piece pebble crepe dress with hand beading on the jacket and tea-length skirt with asymmetrical overlays. The mother of the groom wore an aqua floor-length dress with matching jacket accented with silver beading. Their wrist corsages consisted of pink sweetheart roses and gerbera daisies.

The wedding reception was held at St. Michael's Hall in Fort Loramie.

The bride is a graduate of Minster High School and a graduate of Miami University with a degree in elementary and special education. She is employed with the Olentangy School System in Columbus. The groom is a graduate of Worthington Kilbourne High School and a graduate of Miami University with a degree in accounting. He is employed as a mortgage consultant at J.P. Morgan and Chase in Columbus.

Following a honeymoon in St. Lucia, the couple resides in Lewis Center, Ohio.