

STEPHANIE & BILLY

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WEDDING PROFILE

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A DAY OF PROCLAMATION

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Stephanie and Billy met through a mutual friend who stepped aside. "The night Billy and I met I agreed to have drinks with Billy and our friend," Stephanie shares. The friend tried unsuccessfully to capture Stephanie's attention, so he pulled Billy aside. "She's not interested in me, maybe you should try," the friend told Billy.

"Falling in love was gradual," Stephanie says. "It was about one year later I knew we would spend the rest of our lives together." In the spring of 2005, Billy was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. "It has been a long road, but now he is cancer free," Stephanie says. "The cancer tested our relationship in a way I had never experienced before. People have always said we act like an old married couple. I figure it comes from the fact that we conquered so much in such a short time."

When it came to proposing, Billy first approached Stephanie's parents while Stephanie was traveling on business. "After asking for their blessing, Billy and my mom anxiously awaited my return." The night was complete with a romantic, home-cooked meal. "I could tell something was up — not only because he cooked, but also because he was clearly distracted." After dinner Billy proposed. "He got down on one knee and asked me to spend the rest of our lives together," Stephanie says.

Their wedding day became a day to celebrate love and unity. "On our wedding day I was blessed with a husband, but also a son." They symbolized their new family in the ceremony. "Instead of having a unity candle ceremony, we had a unity sand ceremony that included Riley." Of their wedding day, Stephanie shares, "It was a day we proclaimed our love and commitment to each other and our new family."

Stephanie and Billy were able to relax and thoroughly enjoy their wedding. "After all of the planning it felt like our wedding day would never come," Stephanie says. "When it did, I was surprised with how calm I was that week. Even with everyone in town and last minute details to take care of I had never felt more relaxed."

Their relaxation helped them to enjoy their ceremony and feel the emotion of the moment. "I remember not being able to look at Billy during the ceremony, because when our eyes met I cried," Stephanie shares.



Their wedding is now attached to beautiful memories. "When I think of our wedding day, a whirlwind of emotions come over me that bring tears to my eyes."

Stephanie is thrilled with her decision to use Rob Staffig Entertainment for their reception. "Rob and Vivian are wonderful to work with. I visited with Vivian at a birthday party where Rob was entertaining." Vivian helped Stephanie feel confident in her wedding plans, and Stephanie realized they were perfect for their wedding. "Rob helped me coordinate the entire reception. His performance was exceptional — he not only kept the evening on track, he read the crowd and played music that kept them dancing," Stephanie says. "People still talk about him!"

Stephanie adds, "It's not just Rob's musical talent that makes him special. It's the little things. The numerous e-mails that he answered, the helpful suggestions and his genuine desire for everything to come out perfectly." After the wedding, Stephanie and Billy received a CD with the reception photos Rob and Vivian took. "I had no idea that he would also create a slideshow set to the songs from our wedding that meant the most to us!" Stephanie says. "He truly is like no other."

Stephanie highly recommends Platte Valley Community Center and Director Stephanie Jeffers. "Stephanie was kind enough to take us on a tour and pencil in a couple dates we had in mind. She contacted us when someone else had an interest in those same weekends!" Stephanie Jeffers' recent experience as a bride lent itself perfectly to Stephanie & Billy's wedding. "She did everything she could to make things easier. We had plenty of time to decorate, and she had a crew ready to rearrange the room for a rainy day backup!"

Stephanie and Billy have bought a house in Rawlins, where Stephanie is a loan officer at a local bank and Billy is an EMT.



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