

Alexander-Murdaugh Wedding of Interest

BRUNSON — (Special) — A lovely wedding of wide interest was that of Miss Elizabeth Jones Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Donald Alexander of Brunson, and Randolph Murdaugh III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Murdaugh of Varnville, which took place at 8 p.m. June 3 in the Hampton Baptist Church in Hampton. The Reverend O. S. Ulmer of Brunson Baptist Church and the Rev. C. W. McNair of Hampton and Varnville Methodist Church, officiated, using the double-ring ceremony.

Miss Lil Lightsey of Hampton, organist, and Miss Mary Anne Smith of Estill, soloist, presented the wedding music.

The usher-groomsmen were Donald Alexander, brother of the bride, of Brunson; Walter Bedingfield, cousin of the bridegroom, of Savannah, Ga., and Columbia; Henry Lewis, of Winston Salem, N. C.; Robert (Bobby) Fuller, of Columbia; Dan Upton, of Frogmore; James Grayson III of Summerton; Emmett (Bitsy) Johnson, of Varnville; and Rodney Peeples of Hampton.

Mrs. L. Arlen Cotter of Columbia, sister of the bride was matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Lynn Fishburne, cousin of the bride, of Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Harriette Thomason, Miss Margaret Floyd, of Olanta; Miss Betty Larisey, Miss Jackie Boyles, of Hampton; and Miss Ann Taylor of Leesville. Miss Brenda Murdaugh, sister of the bridegroom, of Varnville, was junior bridesmaid, and Miss Faye Bartlett,

cousin of the bridegroom of Savannah, Ga., was flower girl.

The attendants wore street length bouffant dresses of periwinkle blue silk-organza and lace. The front of the dresses featured a long, shirred panel, and a bow with flowing streamers accented the back. The bridesmaids carried bouquets which featured a cascade of soft yellow daisy-chrysanthemums interspersed with yellow net and ribbon. The attendants' headpieces were periwinkle blue sequined tiaras with short veils. The matron of honor's dress and bouquet were identical to the bridesmaids'.

Honorary bridesmaids were Miss Libba Hiers, Miss Christie Floyd, Miss Carolina Preacher, all of Brunson; Miss Linda Weathers of St. George; Miss Betty Hudgens of Spartanburg, and Miss Jennifer Atkinson of Hampton. They wore white carnation corsages, which were gifts from the bride.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, Milton Donald Alexander, was lovely in her wedding gown of Chantilly lace and tulle over satin. The fitted lace bodice featured long, lace sleeves and a scoop neckline with seed pearl design at the neck of the bodice. The bouffant tulle skirt featured lace panels in front and scalloped lace tiers over tulle fanning into a chapel train in back. Her veil of bridal illusion was attached to a tiara headpiece of seed pearls and mother-of-pearl sequins. Her only accessory was a strand of cultured pearls, a gift

from the bridegroom. The bride carried a bouquet of phalaenopsis orchids and lilies of the valley centered with a large yellow-throated orchid.

Randolph Murdaugh, father of the bridegroom, was best man.

The bride's mother wore a street length dress of turquoise nylon chiffon and a white orchid corsage.

Mrs. X. C. Jones, of Columbia, grandmother of the bride, wore a pale blue lace dress and a pink cymbidium orchid corsage.

The bridegroom's mother wore a street length dress of violet silk chiffon and a white orchid corsage.

Mrs. W. H. Marvin, grandmother of the bridegroom, of Yemassee, wore a powder blue lace dress and a yellow cymbidium corsage.

After the ceremony, a reception was held in the church Social Hall.

During the evening, the bride and bridegroom left for their wedding trip through Florida. After June 12, they will make their home at Colonial Village in Columbia.

For traveling, the bride wore a mauve suit dress of pure silk featuring a fitted jacket with a wide collar. She wore a matching mauve hat and white accessories. A yellow-throated orchid lifted from her bouquet was her corsage.

Mrs. Murdaugh was graduated from Columbia College in May. Mr. Murdaugh will be graduated from the University of South Carolina in August and will enter the University of South Carolina Law School in September.

Among the out-of-town guests attending the wedding were R. C. Jones and Mrs. Harry F. Wilson of Columbia.

FACTS

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