

## Something Special *Martha Jane Anderson*

What a fabulous beginning of New Year, 2017, for the Mark Anderson, Marty and Ronda Herlevic, and the newlyweds, Ainsley and Dr. Vincent Herlevic. The wedding programs were beautiful and very readable, tied with satin ribbons and set the tone.

The ceremony was so special with the sacrament message from Father Matthew Long at Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Church and special vocal music by the Carnegie Hall performer, Margaret Ann Zentner, Maggie and Scott's LSU daughter. Ainsley's wedding dress was custom designed by Pnina Tornai in New York and the fitted sweetheart bodice was encrusted with thousands of Swarovski Austrian crystals with a magnificent ball gown of the finest Duchess satin.

The flowers by Chris Allums and his team were magnificent. Rosemary's special friend, Jana Brockman Seitz of Rye, N.Y., and flower girl, Kate Seitz, took the fabulous fresh roses and satin ribbons on the pews to Rosie's grave site. This act of friendship so touched our hearts! Ainsley's Godmother, Nancy King, has placed this wedding as her first priority for one year!



**Martha Jane Anderson** retired from ULM after 35 years of service as Assistant Dean of Students and SGA Advisor.

At Ainsley's request, Nancy was seated on the first row and with Mark's approval made it all happen on an unbelievably high standard for which all of the family is deeply grateful! Father, Mark Anderson, spared no expense as the BDCC was transformed into a fairyland that none

of the family even dreamed could be so lovely and truly unforgettable. The Fireside room had a dance floor second to none with the newlyweds' monogram in the middle with great band music from Atlanta's highly touted, Jessie's Girls. The Dining Room had flowers hanging from the ceiling in every chandelier with masses of white hydrangeas, Casablanca lilies, roses, white orchids and all of Ainsley and Rosemary's favorite flowers.

The menu included: shrimp and oyster shooters, sushi bar, beef tenderloin, crab cakes, fried oysters, bacon wrapped duck, to mention a few things...the mirrored square bar was in the center reception room and worked well!

Monogrammed ice sculptures with AHV served the best Martinis and Manhattans.

After fun dining and dancing until midnight, a festive fireworks display over Bayou DeSiard with all the New Year hats, crowns, lighted tambourines and food including black eyed peas, cabbage and cornbread brought the New Year in unforgettably. The groom's cake was an adorable replica of Vincent's dog, Jack! The bride's cake was beyond fabulous and just made one's heart sing at the artistry of baking!

Being the 76-year-old grandmother, may I truthfully say, it was so very special and one of Monroe's loveliest weddings.

In closing, longtime family friend, Dr. Kevin Haynes, posted a favorite scripture from Philippians 4: 6... "Don't worry about anything, instead, pray about everything. Tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers. If you do this, you will experience God's peace which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your hearts and minds at rest as you trust Jesus, the Christ."

Have a blessed 2017, as we keep Christ in our daily plans,

*Martha Jane*



**LEFT:** Beautiful bride, Ainsley Scott Herlevic. **ABOVE:** Ainsley Anderson Herlevic with mother-in-law who looks more like a sister, Ronda Herlevic. **RIGHT:** Ainsley Anderson Herlevic's fabulous wedding cake.



**ABOVE:** Ainsley's cousins at BDCC reception, Annie Stinson, Jefferson and Margaret Manning.



**ABOVE:** Celebrating with Michael Henry, Carole Kilpatrick, Janice Landry, and still precious mom, Shearon Henry.



**ABOVE:** Dr. and Mrs. Vincent Herlevic with libations flowing from monogrammed ice sculptures.



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**ABOVE:** Fabulous friend of Rosemary, Nancy King and beautiful daughter, Hannah Harris.



**RIGHT:** New sisters, Mallory Herlevic Benedetto and Ainsley Anderson Herlevic.



**ABOVE:** Riley McKernan and Mark Kent Anderson both in Ainsley and Vincent Herlevic's Wedding Party.



**ABOVE:** Ring bearer and flower girls Natalie Tannehill, Benjamin Weaver and Landry Tannehill.



**ABOVE:** Dr. Vincent Herlevic's groom's cake, a replica of his special dog, Jack.



**LEFT:** The lovely Shannon Field and Gordon McKernan family with Riley, Mark Kent Anderson and Meredith McKernan. **RIGHT:** The groom, Dr. Vincent Herlevic's aunt and cousin, Amy Herlevic Weaver and mom, Lisa Herlevic.



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