

Real Moments

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& Gareth Stroup

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HOW THEY MET Anika and Gareth met while volunteering at The Crossing Church in Chesterfield, MO. **HOW THEY GOT ENGAGED** Gareth took Anika to her favorite park, Percy Warner in Nashville, TN. Gareth packed a picnic lunch and set up a blanket under the trees. Gareth began telling Anika numerous reasons why he loved her. Anika had no idea that Gareth had a photographer hiding, capturing the exact moment Gareth proposed with a stunning princess cut engagement ring. The excitement of the day didn't stop there, Gareth and friends planned a surprise party to continue the celebration.

NUMBER OF GUESTS 375 **WEDDING COLORS** Ivory, Cream, Gray, and Sherbet **HOW THEY PERSONALIZED THE EVENT** The wedding favors were glow in the dark accessories to be used during the wedding reception that included rings, necklaces, wigs and gloves.

DJ Sulla faci **FIRST DANCE** "As long as our hearts are beating" Jenny and Tyler **BRIDE AND GROOM'S MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT** Gareth and Anika decided to have a first look. During this time they chose to make it exclusive, only having the photographer, videographer and harpist in the sanctuary. They felt like it was truly surreal and thought it was hard to believe this day, this moment, had finally arrived and was so beautiful. **HONEYMOON** Sandals La Toc in St. Lucia **RESIDE** St. Charles County, MO **OCCUPATIONS** Anika is a Graphic Designer and Gareth is a Senior Cyber Security Specialist **ADVICE FOR BRIDES-TO-BE** Don't be afraid to get opinions from those closest to you. Sometimes we forget that we need help.



WEDDING CONSULTANT: Kristin Ashley Events • FLORIST: Poppies Design Studio • BRIDE'S DRESS: Lazaro 3108, Lori's Bridal, Atlanta, GA
GROOM'S ATTIRE: SAVVI, MID RIVERS MALL • BRIDE'S AND BRIDESMAID'S HAIR & MAKEUP: Danielle Style • BRIDESMAID DRESSES: Love Lane
by Ivy & Aster: Tori Long, Bella Bridesmaid • WEDDING LOCATION: Memorial Presbyterian Church • RECEPTION VENUE: The Palladium
CATERER: Butler's Pantry • CAKE: The Cakery • BAND OR DJ: Galaxy Red Band • SPECIALTY LIGHTING AND DÉCOR AND RENTALS:
The Aries Company • PAPER GOODS: Two Blue Doors • TRANSPORTATION: Best Transportation • VIDEOGRAPHER: Sweet Tea