

Johnson-Skinner wed

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□ Zion Lutheran Church in Holyoke was the setting for the marriage of Amanda Johnson, daughter of Dave and Sheila Johnson and Mackade Skinner, son of Polly and Perry Skinner, all of Holyoke, on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 2, 2008.

□ The double ring ceremony was performed before an altar flanked with two vases full of pastel pink roses, with Pastor Gary Rahe officiating.

□ Wedding music was sung by Kari Sandquist, friend of the bride and groom, with Diane Rahe at the organ. Music numbers were the “Lord’s Prayer” and “My Guardian Angel.”

□ The bride was escorted to the altar by her father and given in marriage by her parents. Her floor length mermaid gown was highlighted by a pastel pink sash. Her veil was trimmed in a pastel pink piping. Her bouquet was pastel pink roses wrapped in pink ribbon and highlighted with pink swarovski crystals.

□ Amanda carried out the traditional “something old” by wearing a diamond wedding band given to her by her Grandma Young. “Something new” was her jewelry made by her mother, “something borrowed” was her shoes and “something blue” was her bridal garter. She also wore a lucky penny in her shoe.

□ Maid of honor was Desi Kramer, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were CJ Whitten, friend of the bride and Kendell Johnson, sister-in-law of the bride. They all wore simple knee-length black strapless dresses and carried bouquets of pink roses. They wore pink and black jewelry made by the bride’s mother.

□ Flower girls were Anna May and Emily Jelden, friends of the bride and groom. They wore white calf-length dresses with a pink sash around the waist.

□ The groom was attired in a black tuxedo with a white shirt and a pastel pink vest and tie. His boutonniere was two pink rosebuds.

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Best man was the groom's brother Geddy Desmond of Utah. Groomsmen were Perry Skinner, father of the groom, and Craig Johnson, brother of the bride. They all wore black tuxedos with white shirts and silver vests and ties. They also wore pink rosebud boutonnieres.

ushers were Travis Connot and Aaron Vigen, friends of the bride and groom.

Following the ceremony the guests were invited to a reception at SunSet View.

After a honeymoon to Las Vegas, the couple now resides in Arvada, where Amanda is employed by Southwind Financial Group and Mackade attends Metro State College.