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SOMETHING *Southern*

Mary Claire Atwood *B* Gerry Austin Taylor

When Mary Claire married her high-school sweetheart, Austin, they wanted their day to be all about them and their Southern lifestyle. They enlisted the help of Becky Lawrence Design Group to plan, coordinate, decorate, and cater their Southern-themed reception on the grounds of Malvern Hill, home to the bride's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Atwood of Kosciusko. Guests enjoyed the sunset over lakeside gardens as they made their way through carefully designed vignettes such as the groom's lounge for hot fudge cake sundaes and a coffee bar with white-chocolate-dipped spoons and heirloom china. They dined on classic Southern fare as candles flickered in mason jars hanging from tree branches. Mary Claire's cake held court on the patio, crowned with the wedding topper from her grandparents' 50th anniversary, and was cut with the knife from the groom's grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary. As their downhome-fairytale day came to a close, they drove off in 1957 Chevrolet under a shower of colored confetti.



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red, white, AND TRUE BLUE

Alexandra Whitney Rice *O* John Cody Hallmark

On Memorial Day weekend 2011, Alexandra Rice married her high-school love and military man Cody Hallmark in their hometown of Batesville. It was a day filled with color, military reverence, and fun, reflecting the couple's personalities. Wanda Carol Robison and Mary Nell Bright of Blossoms, friends of Alex's mother, crafted a setting for her that shared the emotions that "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and "What a Wonderful World" (both played during the ceremony) could evoke. The couple's day was a reflection of both of their personalities from the garden-like atmosphere that awaited guests at the reception to the colorful streamers on the bouquets. Even though a full military wedding was not possible, Alex got her wish of seeing her man in uniform during their pre-wedding photos. And in honor of Cody's military service, the couple departed through an arch of American and Marine Corps flags being waved by guests.