

Shelley and Michael

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Shelley Unruh and Michael Carpenter were introduced in 2009 on a blind date set up by mutual friends, and since then have not gone a day without seeing one another. A year after meeting, the couple took a lighthouse tour in the Outer Banks. At the top of the last lighthouse on the five-day excursion, Michael romantically proposed.

Shelley and Michael wanted a beautiful wedding weekend in a Durham venue where they could stay with their many out-of-town guests, and also be close to the local attractions, restaurants and nightlife. The King's Daughters Inn (KDI) was the perfect venue for the intimate event they were planning for their closest friends and family. The couple set up a hospitality suite at the Inn where everyone could relax, visit, and enjoy refreshments throughout the weekend. "Our guests raved about the Inn, the breakfasts and the rooms," said Shelly. She continued with glowing acknowledgments of the owners and events director at KDI, and their warm, welcoming help throughout the planning process.

For their elegant yet casual wedding, the couple together chose a silver and navy color palette complemented with bounteous white florals from Tre Bella, Inc. The parlor ceremony included Mike's daughter Isabella as the flower girl, his nephew Graham as ring bearer, and other special friends. After the nuptials, the newlyweds and their guests enjoyed a formal dinner catered by Parizade in the Inn's dining room and a post-reception dance party.

Shelley complimented A Swanky Affair's consulting expertise, saying, "Amanda was a great pleasure to work with and made the entire process from early planning tips to the big day run smoothly." Shelley and Michael each mentioned that their favorite memory was the moment that they first saw the other during the ceremony. Here's to a lifetime of days spent together for this adoring couple!



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