



## julie & andrew

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photography by Nancy Gould and Kelly Schatz

You often hear about high school sweethearts tying the knot, but what about rival high school sweethearts? After they met at his cousin's wedding a few weeks earlier, Andrew Salmon (now 27 and an executive director) bumped into Julie Riel (25 and an interior designer) again at the annual Thanksgiving Day football game. As Julie was mourning her team's loss on her way out, Andrew came over to gloat...and work up the nerve to ask her out. Seven years later, the couple was enjoying a relaxing weekend getaway in Cape Cod when Andrew woke Julie up at 7:30 in the morning to go for a walk on the beach. As they neared the end of their walk, Andrew suddenly got down on one knee and asked Julie to marry him. She staggered back in disbelief but then said, "Of course!"

As Julie began searching for sources from which to draw wedding planning inspiration, she was particularly drawn to a taupe, ivory, blush pink, and sage green color scheme. "I just loved everything about it," she says. "It was so classic and romantic." Julie also incorporated a monogram throughout the day, which first appeared on the handmade invitations that she calls "a one-of-a-kind piece of art."

The ceremony was a traditional Catholic mass held at the North American Martyrs Church, complete with a vocalist, organist, and trumpeter. Afterward, the newlyweds and their guests celebrated at the Charter Oak Country Club, where Julie transformed the reception room into a romantic sea of candlelight. "We shared a sweetheart table, which I highly recommend because it let us sit back and admire all of our guests," she says. "It was really the only moment that we were able to soak it all in." Tables were alternately decorated with short and tall provincial urns filled with cream, champagne, and blush-colored flowers mixed with greens. The taller centerpieces were mounted on top of tall brass candelabras. As Julie and Andrew took the floor for their first dance, Julie's younger sister sang "At Last" by Etta James, and at long last the former high school rivals were on the same team. —M.G. >>



**Style tip:** Color can be key in pulling together the look of your wedding. From the ring pillow to the flowers, Julie and Andrew used a soft palette of ivory, taupe, and blush pink for their day.





**JULIE & ANDREW'S INGREDIENTS**

**CEREMONY SITE** North American Martyrs Church (508) 798-8779, Auburn **RECEPTION SITE** Charter Oak Country Club (978) 562-0800 **PHOTOGRAPHY** Nancy Gould and Kelly Schatz/Nancy Gould Photography (617) 283-3882, Southborough **VIDEOGRAPHY** Excel Video Productions (508) 786-2989, Marlborough **OFFICIANT** Father John F. Gee, North American Martyrs Church **GOWN** The bride exuded romance in a strapless ivory satin ball gown by Kenneth Pool, accented with Swarovski crystals across the bodice and down the back of the train. **VEIL** Cristina's (888) 333-2747, Andover **SHOES** Shoes to Dye For (508) 653-6063, Natick **HAIR** Seasons at the Spa (508) 832-0110, Auburn **BRIDESMAID DRESSES** Julie's seven bridesmaids wore taupe-colored separates by Amsale. Cristina's **FORMALWEAR** All the guys wore traditional tuxes, while the groomsmen wore taupe ties that matched the bridesmaid dresses. Bonardi's (508) 754-4036, Worcester **INVITATIONS** Martha Huggins, Pendragon Ink (401) 965-9695, Newport, RI **FLOWERS** Whispers of Spring (617) 789-5600, Brighton **RENTAL EQUIPMENT** Rentals Unlimited (781) 341-1600, Stoughton **CATERING** Dinner started with a salad of fresh mozzarella and tomatoes with roasted peppers, followed by an entrée of filet mignon topped with portabella mushroom caps and Pinot Noir sauce, and sautéed chicken, wild mushrooms, and leeks with roasted potatoes and asparagus. Charter Oak Country Club **MUSIC** Ceremony: trumpeter Ralph Metcalfe (508) 752-0351, Worcester; vocalist Deb Scaringi (a friend of the family); organist Dennis Deyo (508) 769-6413, Westborough; reception: Cover to Cover Band (401) 942-5332, Providence, RI **CAKE** The square three-tiered cake was iced in Baileys Irish Cream buttercream with a crosshatched pattern and small gold dragee accents. Sweetworks Cakes (978) 263-1211, Acton **FAVORS** Donations in each guest's name to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. **ACCOMMODATIONS** Embassy Suites Hotel (508) 485-5900, Marlborough **HONEYMOON** The newlyweds spent 10 days at Sandals St. Lucia Grande.