

# carolyn & steven

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## their story

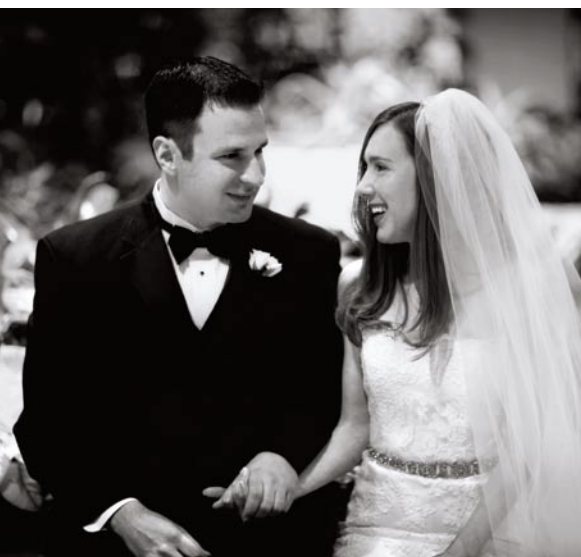
A friend tricked Carolyn Kuehn (30 and an actuarial assistant) into meeting Steven Dantino (33 and a manager of a company's account management department). Carolyn's friend Liz invited her to a "girls" dinner—but also invited Steven and his friend Rob. Steven knew about the set-up beforehand, but Carolyn didn't find out about the scheme until weeks later. It worked and they started dating soon after. Almost two-and-a-half years into their relationship, Steven took Carolyn back to the spot where he had first told her he loved her, the 16th Street beach in Ocean City, New Jersey. They played football, went for a walk and then watched the waves. When Carolyn suggested they make ice cream sundaes, Steven said he had a better idea, got down on one knee and proposed. —JD

## the cake

Fresh pink roses topped Carolyn and Steven's four-tiered wedding cake. Black ribbon bordered the bottom of each smooth, white layer.

## the ceremony programs

The couple chose elegant programs, bound with pink ribbon. They went with white booklets, with black and gray text and a light flower motif.





**the ceremony**

Carolyn and Steven got married in a church one block away from the reception. The church's rich red and brown details helped add to the wintry feel.

**the menu cards**

The menu cards had the same motif as the ceremony programs: a black and gray floral design printed on white card stock.

**the centerpieces**

Lush arrangements of white and light pink roses, Sahara roses, spray roses, astilbe and pink hypericum berries decorated some of the reception tables. >>



**the wedding party looks**

The bridesmaids wore rose-colored gowns, and in homage to Frank Sinatra, the guys wore three-button notch lapel jackets and bow ties.

**the escort cards**

Each reception table was named after a Sinatra song (they were also numbered to make it easier for guests to find their seats).

**the reception décor**

Carolyn and Steven rented ficus trees decorated with white string lights to frame the outskirts of the space. They had a mix of round and square tables covered with silver linens. >>



**their style**

The black, pink and silver color palette (inspired by Steven and his family's love of the Rat Pack era) created a crisp and wintry vibe for the wedding.



**the bridal bouquet**

Carolyn carried a bouquet of roses and spray roses with the stems exposed and tied with ribbon.

**the first dance**

The couple chose "Strangers in the Night" by, of course, Sinatra for their first dance. Carolyn had wanted a live band, but Steven argued that no one could sing Sinatra like Sinatra himself.



## their ingredients

**CEREMONY SITE** Saint Clements Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, (215) 563-1876

**RECEPTION SITE** The Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, (215) 448-1295

**PHOTOGRAPHY** Marie Labbanz Photography, ArtofLove.com

**VIDEOGRAPHY** CinemaCake, Wayne, (610) 989-0158

**CONSULTANT** Eclatante Event Design LLC, Philadelphia, (215) 925-9911

**OFFICIANT** Rector Canon Gordon Reid, Philadelphia, (215) 563-1876

**GOWN** Jim Hjelm, Bridals by Danielle, Philadelphia, (215) 670-9500; jeweled sash: Belle Nouvelle Designs, Etsy.com

**VEIL** Toni Federici, Bridals by Danielle, Philadelphia, (215) 670-9500

**SHOES** DanceShoesOnline.com

**WEDDING RINGS** Exxtra Jewelers, Milmont Park, (610) 461-3508

**JEWELRY** Earrings: Claire's, Willow Grove, (215) 659-7499; bracelet: Bridals by Danielle, Philadelphia, (215) 670-9500

**HAIR AND MAKEUP** Claudia Seyler, Philadelphia, (610) 656-8784

**BRIDESMAID DRESSES** Alvina Valenta and Jim Hjelm, Bridals by Danielle, Philadelphia, (215) 670-9500

**FORMALWEAR** Tony Laguda Formalwear, Ambler, (215) 646-2651

**STATIONERY** Paper on Pine, Philadelphia, (215) 625-0100

**FLOWERS** Beautiful Blooms, Philadelphia, (215) 925-9300

**RENTAL EQUIPMENT** Ficus trees: T and J Plant Rental, Philadelphia, (215) 482-4820

**CATERING** Frog Commissary Catering, Philadelphia, (215) 923-6500

**MUSIC** Ceremony: Bernard Kunkel, Philadelphia, (215) 563-1876; reception: "No Macarena" DJ and Custom Music Service, Philadelphia, (215) 232-8126

**DANCE LESSONS** Monique & Morley Professional Dance Academy, Willow Grove, (215) 659-0917

**CAKE** Frog Commissary Catering, Philadelphia, (215) 923-6500

**FAVORS** Lilies, LiliesCollections.com

**TRANSPORTATION** Ali Baba Limo, Philadelphia, (215) 546-6254

**ACCOMMODATIONS** The Four Seasons, Philadelphia, (215) 963-1500

**HONEYMOON** Iberostar Grand, Riviera Maya, Mexico