

## Jamie Branch & Stevenson Gravlee

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**A**s the sun set on a warm, late summer's day, a nervous young man dropped to one knee and posed the question that every young girl waits a lifetime to hear. Fortunately for the young man, her answer was a resounding "yes" and wedding plans proceeded in full swing! The young couple, Jamie Branch and Stevenson Gravlee, had dated long-distance for nearly two and half years and were more than ready to make things official and begin their new life together as a married couple.

Hosting a destination wedding was a given, as the bride had grown up on Lake Martin. From the start, she knew that she wanted her guests to experience all that the lake had to offer. The rehearsal dinner was held at the impeccable Willow Point Country Club. An outdoor ceremony followed on the grounds of The Stables at Russell Crossroads. Under the Grand Oak, rustic lanterns dripped with florals and cast a glow on the happy couple as they exchanged vows. Guests were given fans and custom sunglasses to combat the Alabama heat and were treated to the bride's uncle, accompanied by The Auburn String Quartet, singing "My Love Is Like A Red, Red Rose."

The bride stunned in a Joan Pillow dress, framed in front of a beautiful, live floral garland draped around the majestic oak. As the bride recounts, "I really cannot say enough



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about Vickie and Robin from Madison House. I had an idea of what I wanted my wedding to look like, but they took my small ideas and were just so creative. The amount of work they put into every detail was unbelievable! The lanterns that were hung in the stables were similar to those at the Grand Oak. They hand-painted all of the signs with our wedding symbol. All the flowers, decor, tents, etc. were ordered and designed by them. I loved how the reception had romantic and beautiful seating areas, where people could relax when taking a break from the dance floor.”

The couple wanted to continue the festive feel for the reception, so they selected a mix of Motown classics performed by The Answer Band to keep guests grooving in to the wee hours! The ladies of Madison House Event Planning styled the reception to perfection, no detail was over-looked, and the theme was continued throughout.

When asked what part of the affair the bride most treasured, she readily responds, “It was really special for me to have all of my friends and family to Lake Martin where I grew up. I went to college at University of Georgia, and a lot of my friends have not spent a lot of time on Lake Martin. Instead of hotels, most of my friends rented lake homes for the weekend, which put my dad in full wedding planner mode! He actually made a map of every home for rent that was within 15 minutes of the reception. It was important to me for people to enjoy the lake for the weekend!” The happy couple honeymooned in Mexico and currently makes their home in Atlanta, Ga.

