

# Anna Trauernicht & John Park

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## Korean Traditions

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A TRADITIONAL KOREAN REHEARSAL DINNER PLANNED BY THE GROOM'S FAMILY AND HELD AT THE DC CENTRE IN OMAHA KICKED OFF THE MARRIAGE OF ANNA TRAUERNICHT AND JOHN PARK. BECAUSE JOHN IS OF KOREAN DESCENT, THE COUPLE WORE KOREAN WEDDING ATTIRE AND PERFORMED SUCH TRADITIONS AS BOWING TO THEIR ELDERS, AND JOHN CARRIED ANNA AROUND ON HIS BACK. THEY ALSO SAID TRADITIONAL KOREAN PRAYERS AND JOHN'S MINISTER FROM THE KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BLESSED THE MARRIAGE. WITH 275 GUESTS, MANY RELATIVES FROM KOREA ATTENDED THEIR WEDDING, AS DID JOHN'S SISTER, WHO CAME ALL THE WAY FROM LONDON.

The couple virtually planned their entire wedding both by email and phone since Anna was living in Indiana, John in Ohio, and their families in Nebraska while they were engaged. Anna says she is a very "plan-ahead person" and used wedding internet sites. She also did search engine research with John, narrowing the choices down early on. Because Anna and John are both busy resident physicians, they were only able to travel back to Omaha twice in person during their wedding planning,

so they relied on their families to take care of the in-person arrangements for them.

The Reverend Melvin Merwald officiated their traditional Catholic ceremony, which was held at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Omaha. The couple wrote their own Prayers of the Faithful and Anna's godmother read them. "Ave Maria" was sung just as it had been sung at the bride's parents' wedding. The couple made their own programs, floral arrangements, and pew

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bows. Because Anna is a pediatrician and loves children, she also made special coloring books to keep the kids busy.

Anna wore an elegant, diamond-white, corset-style dress with silver detail embroidery. It had a small train and a matching veil with a tiara that complemented her traditional bridal updo. She wore a necklace from Tiffany's that John had given her as a surprise one month before their wedding. Since she could not meet in person with her florist, her father chose her bouquet of light pink roses and an assortment of other flowers.

The couple had three bridesmaids and three groomsmen. The bridesmaids wore black tea-length dresses with maroon sashes and carried smaller versions of Anna's bridal bouquet. John and Anna had a Caucasian flower girl and Korean ring bearer. They delighted the guests, as they looked like "mini versions" of the bride and groom. The groom wore a traditional black tuxedo with a white vest and tie; and his boutonniere was a white rose. The groomsmen wore black tuxes with black vests and pink rose boutonnieres.


The couple chose the Durham Museum for their reception. Anna and her father made the pink and white geranium centerpieces for the cocktail hour. Other floral centerpieces at the reception were lilies and roses. Prior to the reception, Anna put together a scrapbook with photos of the couple

and left blank pages for guests to paste in their own photos. Each guest was able to get a digital photo taken and printed out right at the reception. While standing in the food line, guests added their own photo to the scrapbook and wrote special "memory wishes" to the couple. A DJ played music in the background.

Since John is a surgery resident, the guests were amused that the groom's cake looked like the game "Operation". The bride's cake flavors were Bailey's caramel cream, white chocolate with raspberry filling, plain white cake, and Boston cream pie.

Their photographer, Kameron Bayne, took photos of the couple at the Durham Museum, where they posed in vintage school buses. They were also photographed on the Con Agra campus, with the beautiful lake and sunset in the background.

Among many other special touches, John helped design Anna's Gelin Abaci platinum tension-set engagement ring. Her wedding ring is a platinum Claddagh ring that pays tribute to her Irish heritage. Made of platinum, John's square contemporary ring was chosen by Anna.

The couple capped off their big day at the all-inclusive Aventura Spa Palace at the Riviera Maya. There, they enjoyed playing tennis, rock wall climbing, and watching the sun set at the beach. It was the perfect ending to their traditional yet modern wedding. 



## Local Resources

Ceremony Location  
St. Wenceslaus Catholic  
Church, Omaha

Rehearsal Dinner  
DC Centre

Reception Location  
The Durham Museum

Photographer  
Kameron Bayne Images;  
Signature Photography

Videographer  
Complete Music

Florist  
Amato Flowers Inc.  
Anna and Robert Trauernicht

Catering/Bartending  
Attitude on Food

Cake  
Omaha Pastry  
Dorothy Thompson

Bride's Dress  
Bridal Details

Men's Formal Wear  
Men's Wearhouse

Hair & Makeup  
M. Constantino Salon

Reception Entertainment  
DJ-Complete Music

Limo  
Old Market Limo

Rentals  
AAA Rents and Events Services