

melanie & danny
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Makeup: Amanda Lee Make-up Artist

Photography: McManigal Photography

Reception Location: Terrace 167

Videography: Today and Forever LLC

Wedding Cake/Pastries:
Tamara's Cake Guru

Wedding Gown Salon: Miss Ruby



WORTH EVERY PENNY

Our venue, Terrace 167, and the flowers for sure. With both we got exactly what we asked for and more! I couldn't believe how well Melissa from Bank of Flowers captured what I wanted and exceeded all of my expectations.

Blossoms, Vintage, and a Dash of Sparkle

By Michelle Drewek

Melanie and Danny's love story began over a decade ago at her parent's body shop where they both worked. Melanie first caught Danny's sweet tooth with a birthday cake she made him, which kicked off their phone exchanges and eventually, their relationship. After 7 years of dating, Danny figured it was time to show Melanie just how much he cared for her, and after a clever proposal and 2-year engagement, the happy couple said "I do" in front 240 friends and family.



THE PROPOSAL Danny: I can't pinpoint the exact moment, but I knew for a long time that we would get married someday. I slowly started gathering ideas on what she wanted the ring to look like and make secret trips to the jewelry store to custom design it. Once I got it made, I talked to her parents to get their permission. Then, I reached out to her sister. Melanie: He asked my sister if she would text me and ask me if Danny and I would model for her for some flyers she was printing. She had taken quite a few posed photos and then told us to do whatever we wanted. By the time I turned to ask Danny what he wanted to do, he was already down on one knee! It was amazing that my sister got to be there and that she captured it all on camera.

KEY RESOURCE We went to our parents for their opinions. It made the process very fun getting to have them all be so involved in all the decision making!

WEDDING STYLE It was very soft and romantic. There were touches of some vintage items, along with a rustic/industrial feel. I was surprised how well all those elements came together! It was different pieces of the many things we liked and felt like us.

INSPIRATION I love fall, so I knew that was when I wanted to get married. Our palette was navy, vintage pink and wine. I love those three colors and wanted to somehow combine them. I also wanted to include a lot of greens into the flowers to make it feel fresh.

BRIDAL ENSEMBLE I had a hard time finding exactly what envisioned. I wanted lace, a glittery skirt, and a lot of movement to the bottom of the dress. I found a dress that I loved, but something was missing. Miss Ruby offered to throw a light flowy overskirt on top of it and that made the dress! I bought some glittery tulle and had it sewn in-between the many layers and it gave just the right amount of sparkle. I found a vintage pink belt to tie it all together from White Dress Bridal Boutique. And my Maid of Honor sent me a link to the hairpiece I bought, which matched my belt perfectly! I kept my jewelry simple since I don't usually wear much, and just wore some crystal drop earrings.

THE CEREMONY Danny: I remember holding back tears and trying to wrap my head around this being our wedding. And of course how beautiful she looked and how lucky I am.

FUNNY MOMENT After our priest pronounced us husband and wife, Danny was so happy to be married and was ready to start the party that he forgot to kiss me! I had to remind him and the whole church laughed with us. It was something I will never forget, but he wishes didn't happen.

ADVICE FOR COUPLES Danny: Things don't always go according to plan. Stuff happens and you need to just roll with it the best you can to enjoy the process. Don't get caught up in all the small little differences or changes that need to happen. Melanie: ALWAYS communicate! Don't assume you know how your spouse feels; ask each other why they feel a certain way. It helps us a lot to get out of our own heads and see things from the others perspective.





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