

Nesbitt—Hanes Seaside Wedding

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The morning following his cousin's nuptials at Alabama's Choctaw Bluff Hunt Club, William drove Elisabeth to a lake, where a lone orchid plant waited on the dock. While walking toward her favorite flower, William dropped to one knee, surprising her by proposing marriage. Upon her acceptance, they returned to the club to see their families flying congratulatory banners. It was then Elisabeth learned that her dream of a Seaside wedding was to be fulfilled. She soon found out her wedding date was set, and the charming Seaside Chapel and adjacent Lyceum Lawn were reserved.

Elisabeth is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Wood Nesbitt of Cullman, Alabama. She graduated from Cullman High School and Southern Methodist University. She's the Director of Outreach with American Friends of Ariel in Birmingham.



William's parents are Dr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson Hanes, II, of Mobile. The groom is a graduate of UMS-Wright Preparatory School in Mobile and Auburn University. He's an analyst for Rock Apartment Advisors in Birmingham. The newlyweds met while counselors at JH Ranch, a Christian leadership camp in northern California.

Elisabeth wore a gown by Monique Lhuiller, and her bouquet included Lilies of the Valley tied in antique lace, with all floral design by Events by Nouveau Flowers. The orchid blooms adorning Elisabeth's hair were from the plant



William gave her when he proposed. Bradley Webster Nesbitt, the bride's twin sister, was Maid of Honor.

The groom's father was Best Man, and keeping it in the family, William's brother in law, Rev. Robert Leslie Grafe, Jr. of Pawleys Island, SC, officiated.

A Pimm's Cup welcomed celebrants to the reception, lavished with Gulf coast and southern foods prepared by Townsend Catering. Musicians David Seering and Adam Purvis entertained. The stunning wedding cake was created by Confections on the Coast. All details were magically handled by Seaside's wedding coordinators Heather Archdeacon-Williams and Arden Sanders. Treasured moments were captured by photographer Hassel Weems.

Following a honeymoon at Caneel Bay, St. John, USVI, then Seaside, the newlyweds reside in Birmingham. We hope the orchid plant continues to flourish, not only with beautiful flowers, but tender reflections as well.



Photography by Hassel Weems