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KEVEN DUFFY ALWAYS KNEW SHE WANTED TO BE MARRIED ON THE GROUNDS of her family's 350-acre horse farm, RedBob Farms, in Oxford. So, though she'd spent much of her adult life living in Los Angeles and New York, when it came to planning her wedding, her first thought was of home.

Duffy, 34, was introduced to the New York City-bred Brewster Pettus, 35, by a friend. "I have absolutely the man for you," he told her. And he was right.

To arrange her meadow wedding, Duffy turned to coordinator Carolyn Hefner, of The China Closet in Beverly Hills. Hefner helped assemble an event that Duffy and Pettus would not soon forget. "It was the most magical day of my life," Duffy says.

The ceremony was performed in the grassy meadow behind the house. Duffy's childhood friend and attendant, Elizabeth Fillmore, now a renowned fashion designer, created her dress as well as the bridesmaid dresses. The bouquets and other flower arrangements were provided by Blossoms in Birmingham. Just as the bride and groom exchanged their vows, the weather, which had been threatening rain all day, broke and a double rainbow appeared.

After the ceremony, guests enjoyed a cocktail hour under a tent accented with white linen and wicker. The festivities then moved to a larger tent where dinner, prepared by Unique Catering, was served to the 150 guests, including actor Dennis Hopper. The cake, from Give Thanks Bakery in Rochester, was cut and dancing to Mel Ball and Colours began.

The evening was lit by lanterns along a stone wall, and more than 100 were hung from an old oak tree — adding to the magic and romance Duffy had hoped to create. \blacksquare



