

carefree youth, he turned his back on inherited wealth and committed himself to God. Like many early saints, he lived a very simple life of poverty, and in so doing, gained a reputation of being the friend of animals. He established the rule of St Francis, which exists today as the Order of St. Francis, or the Franciscans. He died in 1226, aged 44. The prayer has many of the biblical truths of what it means to be a Christian - to seek to give, and in so doing, receive blessings.

Officiant

We thank the Rev. Walter A. Steinbach for conducting the marriage ceremony today. Walter and Duane's friendship began 50 years ago, in 1959, when the two were high school freshmen at Concordia High School in Milwaukee. They roomed together for seven years while in college and seminary, and have remained lifelong friends. Walter is the pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church in Kaukauna. We also welcome his lovely wife Jane.

The Altar Cross

From 1973-76, Duane served as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Franklin, Virginia. In its formative days as a mission congregation, the church used the cross on the altar when conducting its services in a funeral home. It was made by one of the congregation's members. It also served as an altar cross on an award winning float constructed by Grace Lutheran for Franklin's parade in 1976 honoring the country's bicentennial and the city's centennial.

Photography

Danny Reese and Mike Ryan from R&R Photographic Imaging are our wedding photographers. Individuals, couples, families or groups are encouraged to have their pictures taken during the cocktail hour.

Thank you for sharing in our joyous event!

Notes for Wedding of Patricia Ann Ruffin and Duane Raymond Bogenschneider

Schedule

3:30 p.m. – Family Photographs (7th floor of Pfister in Empire Room)

5:00 p.m. – Wedding Ceremony (Café Rouge)

6:00 p.m. – Cocktail Hour and Hors d'oeuvres (Café Rouge)

7:00 p.m. – Dinner (Café Rouge)

7:00-10:30 – Music by the Nick Contorno Quintet

Dinner Menu

First Course – San Marzano Tomato Bisque, Fresh Basil Chiffonade

Salad – Cucumber bundle of lolla rossa, arugula & butter lettuce, crumble chevres, raspberry garnish with choice of Raspberry Vinaigrette or Green Goddess dressing

Entrée – Mushroom Arborio Rice Stuffed Chicken Breast (artichoke tomato broth, haricot verts and marbled tomatoes) *or* Filet Mignon with Guinness Sauce (Dauphinois potatoes, parmesan topped tomato, asparagus, baby tomatoes)

Dinner Wine – *Tunnel of Elms* Merlot or Chardonnay

Beverages

Complimentary wine and beer will be available throughout the evening. Complimentary mixed drinks will be available during the cocktail hour, and on a cash basis the balance of the evening. Premium brands may be purchased at the lobby bar or at *The Blu* on the top floor of the hotel.

Tables

Assigned seating at the dinner tables is designated by nameplates at each table. We thank Maureen McClone for her work on the table decorations. Please plant the flower seeds provided in honor and remembrance of our wedding. Please use the cameras on your tables to capture the special people and events for us at the wedding.

Rose Ceremony

The Rose Ceremony is a unity ceremony in which Duane and Pat share red roses with each other and their families. Duane and Pat exchange two red roses, symbolizing the giving and receiving of their love for each other throughout their entire married life. In the ceremony, Duane and Pat remember, honor and show gratitude and love for their parents. Also, in symbolism of family unity and love, Duane and Pat share roses with each other's siblings.

A Red Red Rose
by Robert Burns

O my luv'e's like a red, red rose.
That's newly sprung in June;
O my luv'e's like a melodie
That's sweetly play'd in tune.

As fair art thou, my bonnie lass,
So deep in luv'e am I;
And I will love thee still, my Dear,
Till a'the seas gang dry.

Till a' the seas gang dry, my Dear,
And the rocks melt wi' the sun:
I will luv'e thee still, my Dear,
While the sands o'life shall run.

And fare thee weel my only Luv'e!
And fare thee weel a while!
And I will come again, my Luv'e,
Tho' it were ten thousand mile!

Music

Music is provided by the Nick Contorno Quintet. The quintet presents music ranging from the 1940s to the present day.

Dr. Nicholas Contorno is an award-winning composer and arranger, professional musician and noted music educator. He has performed with many well known bands and artists, including the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, Natalie Cole, Vic Damone, Johnny Mathis, Dinah Shore, Mel Torme and The Four Lads, to name a few. Contorno's teaching career includes positions in several Wisconsin high schools, and as guest instructor/clinician throughout the United States and in China. In 2006, he retired after 23 years as director of music programs for both band and orchestra at Marquette University.

The Wedding Song

We thank Kay Augustine for singing the solo during the ceremony. Kay is a good friend of Pat and an experienced and well-known musician. Her solo is Randy Sparks' composition of "Today." Randy Sparks formed the New Christy Minstrels in 1961. This song was used by the group in the 1964 movie/comedy *Advance to the Rear*. We share in the joy of the refrain: "Today, while the blossom still clings to the vine, I'll taste your strawberries, I'll drink your sweet wine, A million tomorrows will all pass away e'er I forget all the joys that are mine today."



The Patricia Rose

The rose on the cover of the wedding bulletin is an original design painted by Prusha (artistic and Polish name of the bride). It is named *The Patricia Rose* in honor of the bride.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi Prayer -- Giovanni Francesco Bernardone; St. Francis was born at Assisi in 1182. After a