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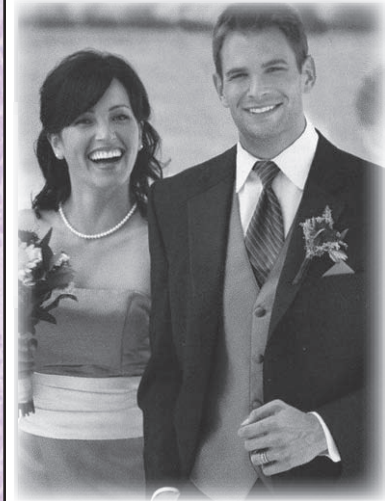
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When making your decision to use a caterer, there are many considerations besides the cost of ingredients. Food prepared by professionals can be a very cost effective and stress free way to provide wedding meals. When considering the use of a catering professional, think about the following:

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The Crowning Touch

By Tresa Erickson

There are many theories as to the origins of bridal veils. Some say the practice started in ancient Rome to ward off evil spirits. Some say the practice grew out of the custom of arranged marriages. The bride was veiled until the vows were done to prevent the groom from backing out of the arrangement because of her looks. Some say the practice was a sign of a bride's submissiveness and willingness to obey her husband. Whatever the origins, veils have long been part of the bridal attire, and like most things, they have changed over the years.

While some brides today choose not to wear a veil, others do, and the length and style may vary. Common lengths include shoulder length, elbow length, waist length, fingertip length, knee length, floor length, chapel length and cathedral length. Veils may be one layer or two. Some have blushers, which are lifted at a certain time in the marriage ceremony.

Veils may be simple or heavily accented. Some may be edged with ribbon or rhinestones. Some may have pearls, crystals or rhinestones sprinkled throughout. Tiaras are still the rage, and styles range from simple but elegant to stunningly bejeweled. For brides not interested in tiaras, jeweled headpieces are available, with crystals, rhinestones, colored gems, shiny metals and more.

Remember the mantilla veil Grace Kelly wore on her wedding day? Mantillas are back. The Spanish-inspired veils edged with lace come in many lengths and styles.

When choosing a veil, bridal taste is a big factor. Some brides know exactly what they want. Others don't and may want to look to their hairstyle, dress and wedding theme for clues. Some veils suit upswept dos. Some veils go with certain wedding gowns. Some veils reflect a particular wedding theme.

Whatever veils brides find appealing, they should always try them on, preferably with their wedding gown. That way, they can see for certain whether the veil complements them and their apparel. Veils are, after all, the crowning touch.

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Cake Cues

By Tresa Erickson

While some brides and grooms forgo a large wedding cake in favor of a dessert bar or a cake on every table at the reception, others clamor for the tradition. They can't picture not having a magnificent cake to ooh and ahh over and feed each other later. If you are among them, here are some tips to ensure you get the cake you want.

Know what you want. Do some research well in advance of any cake tastings. Browse bridal magazines and websites. Check out bakery windows and books. Attend some bridal shows. Cut, print or take photos of any and everything you like. You might like the shape of one cake and the piping of another. Create a scrapbook of the features you like, and if you know the colors of your wedding, add in some fabric swatches. Study your scrapbook in great detail and rank the features you like best. If you have any artistic skills or know someone who does, you might want to have some sketches done of your ideal cake. The more you have to show bakers in the future, the better chance you will receive the design you want.

Set a budget. Generally, the larger the cake and the more intricate the design, the more it will cost to make. Determine both what you would like to spend and what you are willing to spend. Have a top dollar in mind, an amount you absolutely will not go over, and stick to it. Understand that you may have to make some compromises and be willing to take some cost-cutting measures. Opt for a few faux tiers in favor of several expensive tiers, or restrict the more expensive designs and flavors to the smaller tiers. Order a smaller, more elaborate wedding cake for the cake table and inexpensive sheetcakes for guests.

Choose a good baker. Look for reputable bakers that specialize in wedding cakes and set up appointments with them. Show them your scrapbook and sketches and discuss how feasible your ideal wedding cake would be. If you are having your reception outside in the dog days of summer, for example, you may find out that the intricate design in buttercream frosting you have your heart set on won't work. The baker might recommend a design in fondant instead, as it will hold up better in the heat. Ask the baker for an honest assessment of your sketches and listen to what they have to say. Discuss colors and flavors, and arrange for a cake tasting if possible. Discuss timelines and costs. Present your budget and ask for an estimate. Good bakers will do their best to work within your budget and find ways to cut costs.

Order early. Don't walk into a bakery a few days before your wedding and expect a masterpiece. Good bakers are busy. Start the process early and don't sign a contract until you are satisfied with the terms and have reviewed them in detail. Know exactly what you are getting and when it will be delivered, as well as what any last-minute changes or add-ons will cost you.

Check in often. Call the baker a couple of weeks prior to your wedding and make sure the cake will be ready on time. Orders can get lost, especially during the busy wedding season. Check back in with the baker a few days before and make sure everything is going smoothly. If possible, drop by to see whatever may be in process. That way, you will know what you are getting and there will not be any surprises, like the wrong color of icing.

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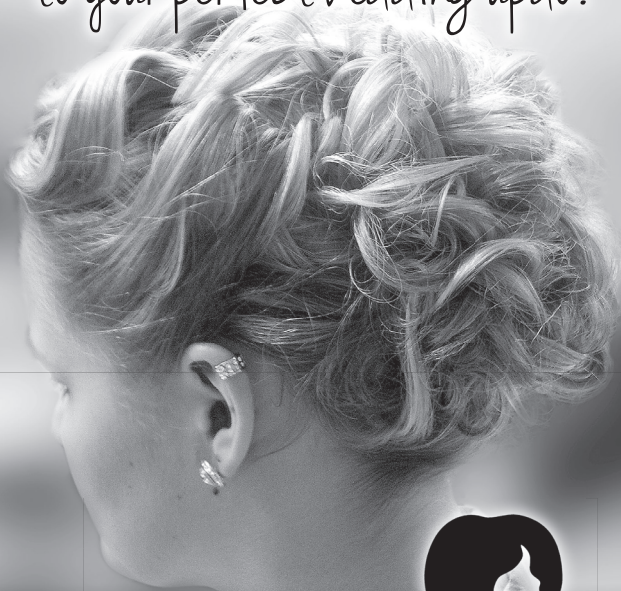


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In Memory Of

By Tresa Erickson

Grandparents are special people, so special many brides and grooms choose to honor them in their wedding. There are many ways to go about this from having grandparents serve in the wedding party to having ushers escort them into the wedding ceremony to writing a dedication to them in the wedding program. But, what do you do if your grandparents are no longer with you? How do you pay tribute to them?

Traditions are an important way to honor grandparents no longer living. Research your grandparents' weddings. Are there any traditions you can carry on? Can you get married on the same date or in the same place? Can you recite a beloved poem or verse? If not, can you incorporate any of your grandparents' wedding attire into yours? Following the "something old" tradition, perhaps you could wear your grandfather's top hat or your grandmother's veil. Perhaps you could use their cake topper or feature their wedding rings in your bouquet.

Photographs are a lovely way to remember grandparents no longer living. You can gather photos of your grandparents, perhaps of their wedding day, and include some in your wedding program. You can display the rest around the reception or use them as centerpieces for each table. You can even set up some photos of your grandparents on the favors table and donate to a charity in their honor in lieu of favors.

Flowers are another way to pay tribute to grandparents no longer living. You can arrange to leave a seat open at the ceremony for each grandparent you want to honor and place a flower in the seat. You can have your florist insert a special flower into your bouquet for each grandparent you want to honor or have them recreate your grandmother's wedding bouquet altogether for you to carry or display. You can have your florist create centerpieces from your grandparents' favorite flowers for use in the ceremony and the reception.

Music and food are also ideas. What were some of your grandparents' favorite tunes? Perhaps you could include a few in the playlist for your reception. The same goes for food. What were some of your grandparents' favorite foods? Perhaps you could include some of them in the dinner menu or pass them out as favors. If your grandmother adored chocolate-covered cherries, perhaps they could serve as your favors.

However you choose to remember your grandparents in your wedding, make sure you let guests know about it in the program. Write a dedication and make note of how you are paying tribute to your grandparents. That way, there will be no confusion as to why so many seats have been reserved at the church or so many daffodils scattered about at the reception.

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