

# Kristen Hammond & Jeff Detrow

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I was at a radio morning show convention in Orlando and Jeff was speaking. I had no idea who Jeff was and had never heard of “The Jeff and Jer Showgram.” I’ve since discovered I was like the ONLY person who had never heard of them at the convention!

My partner on the air in Knoxville at the time (TK) said he was thinking about asking Jeff to lunch at the convention because he wanted to talk to him about radio. (Jeff was someone TK really admired in the business.) I said, “I’ll pay you \$20 bucks if you’ll take me with you to lunch!” And the rest is history.

He sat across from me at lunch and had on a shirt that said “Not of This World - Jesus”. It’s from a sort of hip, skate board type of Christian store here in San Diego. I said, “I like your shirt,” and that was the big pick up line. We’ve been together ever since! Only one year and seven months until our wedding day!

Jeff proposed when we were on vacation in his hometown in Wooster, Ohio. We were celebrating his birthday, and at the party he honored my late father by singing a song, along with Jeff’s two best friends (Mark, who passed away recently and Cabot who was a groomsman). The song was one my dad used to sing with his best friend John. It was “All I Have to do is Dream” by the Everly Brothers. Then he got down on one knee and popped the question. The funny part is that, in anticipation of him proposing (I knew it would be within a couple months), I got a tattoo on my hip that says “Yes,” but amidst all the excitement of the proposal, I FORGOT to show it to him!

Our date was based on when we could get the location – we ABSOLUTELY wanted to get married at Whitestone and were willing to (and did) change our original date to be able to be there. I had looked at several locations but as soon as we drove on to the

property at Whitestone, I was in love. I booked it right then and there.

We live in California so my mom, who lives in Knoxville, was crucial in helping keep the balls in the air on that side of the country! I chose the theme, colors, vendors, etc... and Jeff designed the invitations (airline tickets), fans (passports), Save the Date cards, etc...

I started by looking in local wedding publications and at albums at reception sites. I looked for photos that reflected the kind of look we were going for. I met a couple of photographers but ended up choosing Barry at Seaton Shoots since I kept seeing photos that I loved, and repeatedly the photos were credited to Seaton Shoots.

On the day everything was great except that when I was getting ready and was starting to do my hair, my tiara was missing in action. I had bought it brand new - it was still in the box and everything. To this day we haven’t found it! But my niece Courtney did a great job improvising with bobby pins and hairspray! And in the grand scheme of things, it was not the end of the world, and the day turned out wonderful.

Oh, and at the wedding I paid up the \$20!

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Bridal Gown: David's Bridal | Hair and Makeup: Courtney Manuel (Knoxville) | Makeup Robin Behic (San Diego)  
Videographer: Portal Films, Asheville, NC | Cakes: Daisy Cake Company

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