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At their nuptials, it was 7 heaven



LACHELE
NICOLE JACK



KENNETH
ROGER VAUGHAN Jr.

Married

At 7 p.m. in Bethlehem Baptist Church in Blue Bell, with a reception for 150 guests at Jack's parents' home in Ambler.

They met

At the beginning of the 2004 school year at Welsh Valley Middle School in Narberth, where they both work. In June 2005 Lachele, who teaches chorus and music, volunteered to help chaperone the seventh-grade field trip to Williamsburg, Va. Kenny, who teaches seventh-grade social studies, had already committed to attend. Their students had tried to play matchmaker all year, writing "Mrs. Vaughan" on Lachele's whiteboard.

They also worked on Kenny: "Doesn't Miss Jack look nice today?" Coworkers placed them on the same bus for the six-hour ride. "Because Kenny was attractive," Lachele says, "I stereotyped him. The kids insisted, 'He's nice! You belong together!'" In August they went on a first date - no kids - to Old City's Swanky Bubbles.

He asked

On March 25, 2006, Kenny got down on one knee in the kitchen of his Northeast Philadelphia home. "It was everything I've ever wanted - very romantic," the bride says. She balks at overcomplicated proposals. "I didn't want him hang-gliding or drowning himself."

9 to 5

Lachele, 30, comes from Horsham, and Kenny, 33, is from Mount Airy. They live in Horsham.

Why 7/7/07?

The couple desired a summer anniversary, and Lachele wanted to get married on her birthday, July 14. But Kenny insisted that they have a separate day to celebrate. They chose 7/7 a year and a half out. "We started planning so early, so we had no issues with vendors," the groom says.

First steps

To "The Last Time," by Eric Benet.

Doing it their way

With help from planner **Randi Martin of Always Fabulous Events**, the couple transformed her parents' home and backyard pool area into a dreamy reception site with dueling dance floors. Twinkle lights sparkled in the trees and on the deck; orange linens covered tables accented with apricot- and apple-filled vases topped with flower balls.

Poolside, the couple led a candle-lighting ceremony, passing out floating luminaries to guests, who paused for a moment of silence to remember loved ones with cancer, then placed their candles in the pool in tribute.

Bloopers

The groom, who was so worried about Lachele's tripping on her cathedral-length veil, was the one who tripped on the steps coming out of church.

Lachele says

"Focus on the bigger picture: your life together afterward. We could have gotten married on any day and it would have been special. We're going to have a wonderful marriage."

The Honeymoon

Seven days at Jumby Bay, Antigua. The newlyweds did a honeymoon registry through TheBigDay.com - picking out a snorkeling trip, a hike, massages, and breakfast in bed. Their room number? Bungalow 7.

