

March 10, 2012
Eagle Pass, TX
engaged for 11 months

Photos by Eddie Hernandez

Colors: Multi-colored / Dia De Los Muertos themed wedding

Ceremony & reception: International Center for Trade, 300 guests

Rehearsal dinner: Holiday Inn, 30 guests

Wedding planner: Eclipse Events

Invitations: Gerald Flores

Dresses: David's Bridal

Tuxes: Al's Formal Wear

Rings: Jared's

Hair & makeup: Santa's Hair Salon; makeup by FACES by Roxy

Flowers & decorations: Sugar & Spice

Food: Rolando Martinez

Cake: Mariela Takes D Cake

Reception rentals: Lighting by Illuminating Celebrations

Photographer: Eddie Hernandez

Entertainment: Art Barrera (cocktail hour), Mariachi Relampago (dinner) & The Rainbow International Band (reception)

First dance song: "I Love You for Sentimental Reasons" by Nat King Cole

Father-daughter song: "My Girl" by The Temptations

Mother-son song: "In My Life" by The Beatles

Wedding night lodging: Hampton Inn Honeymoon Suite

Wedding favors: Custom calaveras by Corpus Christi artists El Siete and Laura Duran Castillo, koozies by Outside the Box and Mexican candy from Piedras Negras, Coahuila.

Bridal party gifts: Skinny Girl margarita bottles, custom wine glasses and monogrammed tote bags for the bridesmaids. Custom decks of cards designed by the Groom along with Jose Cuervo coolers for the groomsmen.

Registry: Bed, Bath & Beyond, Target, Macy's and Kohl's

Honeymoon: Crawford, Texas and San Antonio, Texas



Elena Ruiz & Gerald Flores

How we met:

We met at the CC7D Wrap Up Party 2010 at the House of Rock.

The proposal:

Gerald is a well known magician, and he decided to propose to Elena during one of his magic shows... the whole audience knew!

Favorite detail:

Bride: The Day of the Dead theme. I lost my mother in 2008, and I wanted to honor her and other loved ones who are no longer with us. We had an altar with pictures of loved ones that passed away, along with Mexican candy. It was the focal point of our wedding! There was color everywhere. We had artists from Corpus Christi construct calaveras for us to put on all the tables. Groom: I loved how our wedding was full of custom artwork and pieces made by so many different people and artists. It truly was a magical time with loved ones attending and those who could not attend nearby at the custom altar.

Favorite moment:

Bride: Walking down the aisle with my dad, and seeing Gerald there waiting for me. Groom: Seeing my future wife coming down the aisle and then getting to kiss her as my wife for the first time.

Biggest challenge:

Bride: Organizing a wedding out of town with a planner in a whole different city! Groom: Keeping calm during the most exciting time of my life.

Funniest/most embarrassing moment:

Bride: Our pastor that was marrying us was so nervous, even more so than us! It helped me with my nerves!

Groom: When I was tossed into the air by her family and then had my foot dipped in cake.

If you could do one thing over:

Bride: I would do it all over again! I loved every minute of it! Groom: Share another first kiss as husband and wife.

Advice for future Brides or Grooms:

Bride & Groom: It really goes by so fast, enjoy every minute of it!

What marriage means to you:

Bride: Making a life-long commitment to the someone you want to spend the rest of your life with. I got married because I found the one that makes my soul and my heart happy and complete. He is my everything! Groom: Marriage is the ultimate partnership that you can make with the one person you wish to spend the rest of your life with. It is not just a piece of paper as most say, it is a lifelong journey.

How to make your spouse happy:

Bride: Always listen, always be respectful, and always be supportive. Groom: Respect each other on all levels.

What you look forward to the most:

Bride: Every up and down, children, different milestones and growing old with him. Groom: Sharing each and every special moment together and making amazing memories.

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