

AUTUMN

By Yvonne and Mark Balios

Sunday 24th April 2005 – Conservatory and Summerhouse

The incredible journey that led to our wedding day.

It all began one beautiful spring day where the two of us happened to be in Cape Town on business. Mark suggested we take a walk on Clifton Beach. The beach was isolated except for one huge umbrella in the distance. Curiosity arose as we approached, but before I got closer, Mark sat me down on the beach and asked me how much I loved him. He then popped the magic question. Time stood still and everything around us was frozen. Mark put the most gorgeous custom designed ring (designed by himself) on to my finger.

After all the planning we finally arrived at Oakfield on the big day with time to kill. My mom and matron of honour joined me under the Oak trees for a picnic with lots of goodies to enjoy. We laughed and had so much fun. Norman, our photographer, said he has never had a picnic before a wedding. What a good idea it was to meet up with the bridal party before hand. But soon, the time had come to get ready. Norman said "let's get the show on the road." The Maitre'D accompanied me to the Bridal Suite, and assured me everything was running smoothly. I felt like a queen.

The Chapel was filled with an array of beautiful flowers, arranged by Kay Coss. The power of music by the Viennese String Quartet touched our hearts with its electrifying energy, played by Adrian Ignat and his fellow musicians. The music was pure food for the soul.

With the power of Adrian Ignat and the Vienna String quartet, all eyes were on me as I walked down the aisle with my mom beside me, to meet my beloved husband-to-be. Our vows were exchanged, our signatures placed for all to see, and the doves released as a symbol of peace in our marriage.

Photographer	Norman Dent
Shoes	Europa Shoes
Band	The AV Company
Quartet	Vienna String Quartet
Cake	Pancieria
Florist	Kay Coss
Hair	Niqui
Invitations	Finesse Creations