



February 13th, 1993
June and Rick Massey

Sweet Sixteen



November 20th, 1993
June and Leon Liebenberg



Sixteen years of weddings at Oakfield. So much is the same, and yet so much has changed. Because the desire for men and women to join in marriage is eternal, weddings irrespective of time, place or culture will be an occasion to be celebrated.

In 1991, we proudly offered a tiny room for the bride to dress in, our chapel and an open boma reception venue. As horse lovers, our horse and carriage was an obvious addition. The response by couples was extraordinary and we found ourselves leaders in a newfound niche. Our preferred photographer's claim to fame was his ability to shoot all the wedding pictures in 45 minutes. Everyone was in a picture, but there was no artistry and indeed, nobody even thought it necessary back then.

Now the professionalism of specialists and ever-expanding expectations of the couple have lifted weddings to astonishing levels of creativity, with beautiful décor and design that expresses each couple's personality in a very special way. Obviously this comes at a premium, but the news is good. Fierce competition ensures that

specialists and venues go to extraordinary lengths for a piece of the proverbial cake. An excellent example is our new bridal suite. Once a homely little cottage, it is now double the size, and furnished with imported furniture, a king size bed, Persian rugs and original paintings.

Everything is designed with romance in mind, with his and hers out-door showers and even a steam bath to soak in the ambience of the occasion. Mod cons such as air-conditioning, under-floor heating and special lighting are a given. This does not include the bride's dressing room, specially located at the venue where she can appreciate the months of décor planning come to life. And if you wonder about the huge skylight then you have forgotten that the make up artist asked for natural light!

Brides used to glide to the church in a Rolls, with ribbons on the bonnet. Now they bustle in, in slippers and curlers in their hair. Either way, wherever you have your wedding, we trust that you enjoy every moment of this glorious day.

Matthew