

Jessica Long, Benjamin Johnson

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Jessica Ann Long and Benjamin James Johnson were united in marriage at Messiah Lutheran Church in Lincoln on April 28, 2012. Pastor John Kunze officiated the afternoon ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Jim and Annette Long of Wauneta and Bub and Joan Johnson of Lincoln. Grandparents of the couple include Violet Long of Wauneta, Patty Johnson of Oakland and Leroy Herscheid of Beemer.

Ivory roses decorated the altar in memory of Donnie and Ann Castens and Wendell Long, grandparents of the bride and Carroll Johnson and Theresa Herscheid, grandparents of the groom.

Matron of honor was Julie Sparrow of Oakland, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Melissa Long of Omaha, sister of the bride, Ashley Johannes of Lincoln, friend of the bride, Tamra Blake of Bassett, friend of the bride, and Heidi Johnson of Lincoln, sister of the groom. Rebecca Heilman of Bellefonte, Pa., friend of the bride, served as the bride's personal attendant.

Best man was Curtiss Johnson of Lincoln, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Mike Palm of Lincoln, friend of the groom, Trent Campbell of Lincoln, friend of the groom, Jeremy Robinson of Lincoln, friend of the groom, and Paul Craig of Kansas City, Mo., friend of the groom. Travis Campbell of Lincoln, friend of the groom, Jon Sparrow of Oakland, brother-in-law of the bride, and Logan Pearse of Omaha, future brother-in-law of the bride, served as ushers.

Violet Sparrow of Oakland, niece of the bride, served as the flower girl and Steele Jones of Lincoln, cousin of the groom, served as the ring bearer. Candle lighters were Ellen and Nolan Magnusson of Oakland, cousins of the groom. Guestbook attendants were Wendy, Shelby, and Sierra Castens of Atwood, Kan., cousins of the bride. Megan Payne of Falls City, cousin of the groom, was the vocalist.

A reception followed at the Courtside Banquet Hall. Steve and Gayla Swisher of McCook, cousins of the bride and James and Jan O'Toole, of Glenwood, Iowa, uncle and aunt of the groom, served as Host Couples. Linda Leitner of North Platte, aunt of the bride, Roxanne Castens of Atwood, Kan., aunt of the bride and Roxie Johnson of Lincoln, aunt of the groom,

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served as cake table attendants.

Following the wedding the couple honeymooned in Jamaica. This fall the couple plans to move to Tempe, Ariz., where the bride will be a Customer Response Center Supervisor for State Farm Insurance and the groom will be a Fire Claim Representative for State Farm Insurance.