



*Kate Montague and
Cayley Wilson*

Date: July 13, 2013

Photographer:
Sharon Fibelkorn

Ceremony Location:
The home of Mike and
Carol Roberts
Ojai, California

Reception Location:
Abbotsford, British Columbia



Their story: Katie Montague is a successful realtor from Ojai, California who never imagined she would end up married to a Canadian working cow horse trainer, but fate has its own way of making other plans.

The horse industry is a small one, and the working cow horse industry is smaller yet. So when a mutual friend had ideas of setting up Montague and British Columbia trainer, Cayley Wilson, Montague had her mind already made up. However, after a chance meeting in the fall of 2011 and a phone call shortly after, she realized maybe Wilson was a person she had more in common with than she knew.

“What I came to find out is that we were both traveling down similar paths, one that we could share our own experiences with and perhaps help each other out in others. We decided to be friends with no expectations. (During) the four months we talked on the phone, I began to see some amazing traits in this man I would not have guessed. He was a sincere, honest, integral man and I began to admire him greatly for those attributes. He was passionate about his little girl Ryley Ray, and I loved that too.”

The long distance friendship soon turned into something more when Montague visited Wilson at an Arizona horse show.

“We hit it off well and Cayley drove me back to California on his way home to Canada. An hour later, I got a phone call from him saying he really didn’t think we could make it work with the distance, and he needed to be close to his daughter... I think I fell in love with him a little bit right then and there.”

One year later, they were engaged, and six months following was the small, intimate wedding that they both wanted.

“Our guests enjoyed swinging ropes at the roping dummy while the wedding party was momentarily busy with after-ceremony pictures. I couldn’t believe what a hit it was! We had all the ‘city slickers’ and cowboys alike trying their best to catch a horn or two!”

The Horses: “I had a surprise entrance planned for myself and Ryley-Ray (Cayley’s daughter) that only my parents and my bridesmaids (and just a few others) knew about. We were delivered in a horse drawn carriage from a nearby house. I will never forget the look on Cayley’s expression as we came up the driveway, I could see tears that were streaming down his face. I wanted to include Ryley-Ray in as much as possible and this entrance made her feel so special!”

The Rings: Katie’s ring was a surprise that Cayley had chosen himself. It features a perfectly round, brilliant Certified Canadian Eskimo diamond. Cayley’s ring was chosen by Katie in California; a smooth platinum band with a beveled edge for comfort when he’s riding.





Dress: Katie was stunning in a simple lace gown with material that ruched across and tied in at the hip with a lace flower. It had a slit at the hip that allowed some flowered tulle to spill out. The train was minimal, in keeping with Katie's theme of beautiful simplicity.

Bridesmaids: Dressed in Katie's colours of coral and turquoise, the bridal party consisted of four ladies. Her maids of honour were her sister and best friend, then her step-sister and sister-to-be rounded out the girls' side of the party. They wore simple sundresses Katie found at Old Navy with the intention of dressing them in something they could wear again. The flower girl was none other than Cayley's little girl, Ryley-Ray. She was dressed similar to the bride in a darling off-white dress.

Men's Attire: Cayley's best man was his brother, with three friends making up his groomsmen. They were dressed in starched jeans, Cinch shirts and their own boots and hats. Cayley was set apart with a classy black jacket.

Cake: Katie went with a 3-tiered stacked carrot and lemon cake and found a cute cowboy and cowgirl topper. She topped off the cute western design by asking the caterer to decorate the rest with a horseshoe design.

Flowers: In a unique twist, Katie chose all silk flowers for the wedding. "The wedding was July 13 in Southern California, so we had to be prepared for the heat. I didn't want to have to worry about wilting flowers and the silks made it so much easier. No one would have known had I not told them!"

