

NOT TO MISS PHOTOS

Your Guide to Photos you won't want to miss



PICTURE THIS! Your mother's tears as she helps button your dress. Your three-year-old nephew's first dance. The look on your groom's face as he takes off your garter.

Wedding days are memories in the making. And today's advances in film, equipment and techniques can preserve the best of those memories when utilized by a professional photographer.

FOCUS ON DETAILS Reserve your photographer nine to twelve months in advance. Make sure you check references carefully. When looking at portfolios, make sure the same photographer will be taking your photos. Many studios employ more than one.

Find out if an engagement or bridal sitting is included in the price. If not, ask what the additional cost might be. Ask about the number of prints you'll receive with each package. Inquire about a time limit. You'll most likely be charged an additional fee if you go over the number of hours specified. Find out how late the photographer will stay at your reception. Ask if there's an extra charge to have photos taken at a third location and if there might be a fee if the reception doesn't immediately follow the ceremony.

COLOR COMBINATION Most brides today want a combination of color and black and white for their wedding albums. Black and white presents a dramatic, timeless quality and emphasizes details like bouquets, buttons and bows. Black and white also tends to emphasize emotions.

But don't discount color altogether. Many brides want a permanent memory of the shade of roses in their bouquet or their hubbys' baby blues as he recites his vows. If color was an important detail in your wedding, make sure to have color photographs taken.

NOT-TO-BE-MISSED-PHOTOS

BRIDE

- Alone- close-up and full length
- With mother
- With father
- With father coming down the aisle
- With both parents
- With family
- With bridesmaids
- With groomsmen
- Last-minute Adjustments
- Tossing bouquet
- Hands with wedding rings
- First dance
- Cutting cake
- Toasting
- With grandparents
- Signing marriage license
- In limousine or special transportation
- With bride's parents
- With groom's parents
- With flower girl/ Ring bearer

GROOM

- Alone – close-up and full length
- With mother
- With father
- With both parents
- With family
- With bridesmaids
- With groomsmen
- Last-minute adjustments
- Waiting at Altar
- Removing garter
- Tossing garter

COUPLE

- Exchanging Rings
- Exchanging Vows
- Lighting unity candle
- Exchanging kisses
- Leaving altar
- Leaving reception

WEDDING PARTY

- With bride
- With groom
- With couple
- During processional
- At the altar
- Dancing

MISCELLANEOUS

- Guests outside church
- Mothers being seated
- Wedding cake
- Food table
- Decorations
- Musicians
- Decorated car
- Gift table
- Catching bouquet and garter
- Candid reception photos