



Special Edition Amy & Cyril Tie the Knot

Yes it true! Amy and Cyril finally tied the knot on Saturday, November 18th at Sacred Hart Cathedral downtown Raleigh NC. Beautiful clear skies and cool weather greeted guests arriving for the nuptial service. Amy and Cyril's many relatives and close friends filled both the Church and reception hall. Cathy Rossi helped with a scripture reading while Eva played the trumpet. Later that evening, at the wedding reception (held in the same Marriott ballroom same as the 35th LGB&D party) the room was filled to capacity. LGB&D members represented only a small part of the extensive guest list and we appreciated the opportunity to represent such an important part of their lives together. Band members played the couple's favorite LGB&D tunes including their first dance together to "Edelweiss". A DJ followed the band as the festivities stretched well into the morning hours. The couple served a special "Angel Brau" bier to guests in specially made Angel Brau bier glasses. The toasts to the couple from family and friends were sincere and thoughtful. The cake cutting had Amy and Cyril on their best behavior.

The big event was preceded by a rehearsal dinner in which family, out-of-town guests, and a few other guests dined on empanadas, BBQ ribs, and other fixings. The highlight of the evening included a slide show of Amy and Cyril's childhood and a traditional German *Polterabend*. More on that later.

You can see photos and audio of the blessed event at the websites listed below.

Eva's Thoughts

Cyril and Amy's wedding was a special day for Kevin and me as they have become such special friends and important people in our lives. I was honored to be able to share some music with them during the wedding ceremony ((with a lot of help from above!) - I played trumpet during the Pan de Vida (Bread of Life) hymn for the seating of the mothers and played during the unity candle hymn - a favorite of Cyril's sung by his church's gospel choir - Alleluia, Salvation, Glory. Cyril also asked me to arrange a trumpet fanfare to be played for Amy's entrance - based on Ode to Joy. This was a privilege and it was performed by another trumpet player and sounded beautiful (almost as beautiful as Amy was!). It truly was a beautiful start to what we know will be a long and happy marriage, and we were so happy to be part of it.

Eva

What is a Polterabend?

On the night before the wedding, friends and relatives bring old porcelain and kitchenware to throw on the ground in front of bride and groom. This is supposed to grant them a happy, lucky life; that's why this evening event is called *Polterabend*--the evening with lots of broken porcelain. The German proverb--*Scherben bringen Glück*--which can be translated as "Broken crockery brings you luck." is derived from this custom. The *Polterabend* often develops into an informal and casual party, in this case, the rehearsal dinner.

Photo of the Week



Amy waits in room near the rear of the Church with her Father before the wedding ceremony.

Members of the Week



Amy and Cyril exchange wedding vows at the Cathedral and greet friends and family afterwards.

A Tail of Two Toilets

Only porcelain is used and it's bad luck to break glass or anything else at this event. Cyril and Amy attended a family wedding and Polterabend when they were in Germany this spring and guests brought entire toilets, sinks, dinnerware, etc...they had tons of porcelain to clean up and it took hours. (I think I remember Amy telling me they had to bring in a dumpster to haul it all away!)

—Joyce—

Friday night's smash-fest began as your usual Polterabend with family and friends choosing selected cups, plates, and bowls to hurl against a small brick wall in Cyril's car port (see Amy and Cyril sweeping photo). Each smashing session lasted only a few minutes followed by Amy and Cyril sweeping up the chards. This cycle repeated itself four or more times. Then, a couple of guests showed up with Cyril's toilet tank and bowl from his bathroom as a sacrifice to the couple's future happiness (See guys with toilet photo). Before the porcelain destruction, Amy and Cyril sat one last time on their "Throne". Then after the "Toilet Toss", the couple carefully picked up each piece protecting their hands with towels and plastic bags.

—Tony —

When Dick saw a toilet and tank sitting beside the road in Walhalla this year, he couldn't resist picking up the tank. He cleaned it inside and out & painted the LGB&D logo and a dancing couple on it. He also added some fall flowers to the top of the tank to dress it up and installed a windup music box that would play "Edelweiss" when the toilet handle was "flushed". Edelweiss is a special song for Amy & Cyril, the first one they ever danced together. I think Dick just wanted to do something fun & a little bit special for them.

—Joyce—

The toilet tank from the Walhalla Motel was being discarded and was along the side of the road behind the motel. I asked Dorman to stop and let me put it under the bus when we were leaving Sunday morning. When I was putting it under the bus, he made this comment to the rest of the people in the bus, "This group is getting weirder every year!". I might have to agree.

I originally intended it to be a part of the Polterabend event. I sterilized it and proceeded to decorate it. After I finished it and Amy's mother Erica heard about it, she decided it should be a part of the gift table. It has the LGB logo on the front, a music box inside which plays Edelweiss (there 1st dance as you know) when the flush handle is held down in the flush position. It also has an autumn flower arrangement in it which fit the theme of their reception decor by coincidence (See LGB&D toilet tank photo).

— Dick —

Wedding Photos and Recordings Available

You can see photos and audio recording of Amy and Cyril's big event on-line at the following links:

[Tony's photos](#)

[Leslie's photos](#)



Amy and Cyril sweep chards of broken porcelain as part of a traditional German *Polterabend* at Friday's rehearsal dinner.



Tank-1, a fully-functional commode was sacrificed at the Friday night's Polterabend. *Tank-2*, the Edelweiss playing toilet tank, designed and painted by Dick Loring, will be a keepsake for generations to come.

