

IN LOVE

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The Power of Love: Heather Sandal and John Puca

When Heather Sandal and John Puca were planning their Oct. 23, 1999, wedding, they were delighted to find that they could have everything they had hoped for and more. After booking the River Oaks Baptist Church for their ceremony, they found that the Plaza Club was available for their reception and that it would take place during the middle of the largest fireworks and laser light show that Houston had ever seen. The city of Houston ended the 20th century with a huge bang by sponsoring the Power of Houston Light Show. The Plaza Club, located on the 47th floor of the Shell Building, served as the perfect place to watch the show.

The couple fell in love while serving the single-life department of Second Baptist Church. But in order to hold an evening ceremony, they selected River Oaks Baptist Church. The church was decorated with large topiary arrangements accented with calla lilies and greenery. The decorations were done by the brilliant designers at Celeste's Creations. The bride, dressed in a strapless gown, made a stunning entrance to the heralding of trumpets.

As the guests stepped off the elevator to the club, they were greeted by host-

esses bearing chocolate roses. The wedding cake by Cakes and Catering was four-tiered and decorated with beautiful red roses. The newlyweds danced to "I Finally Found Someone" by Barbra Streisand, and the bride and her father danced to "Butterfly Kisses."

Since photography was very important to the couple, Beth Magnusson with Stamper Photography was selected. She did a wonderful job capturing the couple as colors from the fireworks exploded in the sky. At the Plaza Club, the floor to ceiling windows made for a spectacular view of the fireworks and laser show. Jeff from DJ's Unlimited turned down the music at 10 p.m. and piped in the musical extravaganza that accompanied the fireworks display. As fireworks fell from the sky, the newlyweds sealed their union with a kiss. lh

Debbie Elias of Elias Events helped with vendor arrangements and coordination of the rehearsal, ceremony and reception.

