Lauralyn D. Washington, Corporal David Dotson wed

JUST MARRIED — Corporal and Mrs. David Andre Dotson are pictured following their Sept. 20 wedding held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. The bride is the former Miss Lauralyn Denise Washington.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Garrison Boulevard and Liberty Heights Avenue was the setting for one of Baltimore's most beautiful candlelight weddings, uniting Miss Lauralyn Denise Washington and Marine Corporal David Andre Dotson on September 20, 1980.

The Rev. Bernard Keels, pastor of St. Mark's, performed the double ring ceremony.

Nupital music was furnished by Haywood McCallum Jr., organist and a cousin of the bride from Richmond, Virginia, and Miss Verna Reynolds of Wheaton, Maryland who sang "Evergreen" and "The Lord's Prayer".

The bride, radiantly beautiful, wore an original gown of silk organza sataglo whose bodice and long sleeves were of imported French Chantilly lace.

The A-line skirt fell into a chapel length train trimmed in imported French Chantilly lace. Her three-fourth length matching lace veil fell from a circular cap.

She wore pearl earrings and carried a bouquet of blended deep pink baby roses, carnations and baby's breaths.

The bridegroom coordinated his attire with that of the bride by wearing elegant white tails.

The bride was given in marriage by both her mother and father.

Miss Marcia Martin, maid of honor, wore a burgundy gown of Qiana with a silk embroidered camisole bodice covered by a sheen Qiana jacket.

Her headdress was a burgundy halfcap with a short veil. She wore open lace white gloves and carried three long stemmed roses complete with baby's breath and fern.

Bridemaids were Misses Crystal Dotson and Judith Delaremore of Baltimore, Sarah Waters of Roanoke, Va. and Sophonia Christian of Washington, D.C. Each brideamaid wore matching burgundy gowns like that of the maid-of-honor.

Each carried an arm bouquet of long-stemmed roses complete with baby's breath and fern, with a matching rose as boutonnieres.

All of the attendants were a single silver chain (gifts from the bride), silver earrings and black shoes.

Best man was Roderick Dotson, brother of the bridegroom. Groomsmen included Alvin Dotson, brother of the bridegroom, Terrence Groom, Michael Holloman add Raymond Nelson.

Groomsmen and the fathers of the bride and bridegroom wore distinguished formal light grey tuxedos accented with ascot ties. Their boutonnieres were deep pink carnations.

The mother of the bride wore a bone gown of imported Swiss organza with a fitted sequin bodice and a matching chiffon jacket; gold shoes and a wrist double orchid corsage.

The bridegroom's mother wore a peach crepe dress with a matching peach open lace jacket, peach linnen pumps and a corsage of matching orchids.

A reception honoring the couple was hosted in the church social hall. Official hostesses were Mrs. Lorraine Green, Mrs. Esther Reid and Mrs. Linda Brown.

In addition to the newlywedds, another major attraction at the reception festivities was the bridal cake created by Ms. Rose Redding of Chi'A'Nele, Inc.

The beautiful five tier cake featured a sunken waterfall and two sets of spiral steps leading the bride and bridegroom and their attendants on to the cake ballroom floor.

The guests dined on a menu consisting of seafood newburg, Swedish meatballs, raw vegetable bar, drumsticks, sweet and sour relish trays, and an iced melon and fruit basket.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Celestine T. Redd of Randalstown, Md. and Joseph L. Washington of Fairview Avenue, Baltimore, Md., and granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James W. Traynham Sr. of Hilton Road (formerly of Richmond, Va.), and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Washington of Richmond, Va.

She is an honor graduate of both Randallstown High School and University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va. She is also a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and the National Honorary Society. She is included in Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1974-75.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dotson Sr. of Baltimore, Maryland. He is an honor graduate of City College and attended Ohio Institute of Technology, Columbus, Ohio before entering the Marine Corps.

Out-of-town guests were from Pennsylvania, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Virginia and Massachusetts.

The couple will be at home in Glen Burnie, Md. after a honeymoon trip to Ocean City, Md.

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