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Sunday, December 23, 2007

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Four generations of family and many, many friends were in attendance on the hot summer afternoon of Sept. 1, 2007, as Kristi Rae Hamamoto and Eric Christopher Simington, both of Napa, were married at Kennedy Park in Napa.

Under an arch draped with red and white tulle, Chaplain Eric Vaughan performed the ceremony. A reception followed at Pelusi Hall, also at Kennedy Park. Kristi and Eric have been friends since elementary school, having met on the playground at Northwood School while in kindergarten and first grade.

Kristi wore a lovely Dupioni silk halter dress with a red sash made by her grandmother, Sylvia Ramsey. Pinned inside Kristi's dress were a handkerchief and brooch that came from England in the 1800s, having belonged to her great-great-grandmother. The handkerchief and brooch have been carried or worn in family weddings for many generations. Kristi carried a bouquet of red gerbera daisies.

Attired in black cotton peasant-style skirts, white and beige shirts, with red accessories, the maid of honor was longtime friend, Marie Reid. Bridesmaids included childhood friend Shannon Middleton; sister of the groom Kristine Harris; and cousins, Alyx Mosley and Raeme Sergeson.

Flower girls were 2-year-old Jaelynn and 4-year-old Hailey — daughters of the maid of honor. Jaelynn and Hailey wore cute red-and-white sun dresses, also made by the grandmother of the bride, Sylvia Ramsey.

Keeping with the informal outdoor wedding theme, the groom was attired in beige linen slacks and a black shirt with a red gerbera daisy on his lapel, as were the best man and groomsmen.

Best man was Don Juarez III, a Vintage High School classmate and also Marine buddy. Groomsmen were U.S. Marine Corps buddies, Korey Buscha from Texas and Richard Hickman from Louisiana.

Guests were given the opportunity to write a message in the scrapbook, which was made with a series of photos of the bride and groom throughout their childhood. The groom's sister, Kristine Harris, created the memorable scrapbook.

As a memento of the wedding, the bride's mother, Beth Hamamoto, presented lovely etched and personalized bottles of Chandon sparkling wine to the bride, the mother of the groom, and to the grandmothers of both the bride and groom.

After a delicious barbecue buffet prepared by the families of the bride and groom, it was time for toasts, cutting of the champagne cake, and dancing. Former Vintage classmate and friend, DJ Mikey Burrow, provided the music.

The couple now makes their home in Napa and plans to visit Las Vegas for New Year's Eve and honeymoon for a

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week.

Kristi is the daughter of Elizabeth Hamamoto, of Napa, and Rick Hamamoto, of Vacaville. She is the granddaughter of John and Sylvia Ramsey, and of Charlene Fink and the late Henry Hamamoto. She is a 2002 graduate of Vintage High School and is a continuing student of University of Detroit Mercy and Sacramento State, majoring in applied mathematics and statistics. She was on the robotics team while at Vintage and has been involved with the Cancer Society's Relay for Life. She is currently employed by Napa Valley College.

Eric is the son of Valerie Exum, of American Canyon, and Reno Simington, of Sacramento. He is also the grandson of Judy Thomas and the late Ray Thomas, of Napa. He is a 2001 graduate of Vintage High School and is currently attending Napa Valley College. He was involved in the FFA while at Vintage and also with the Cancer Society's Relay for Life. After serving four years in the U.S. Marines, he is now employed at Consolidated Electrical Distributors in sales.

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