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LUCKY IN LOVE

Colette and Robert took a gamble and went "all in." The lovebirds met over a good old-fashioned poker game. "We were both winners that night," the bride says. After four years of dating, Robert created a proposal story modeled after a romance novel. He proposed at sunset at the couple's favorite place to watch a day come to a close, overlooking a lake, on a swing. It wasn't long after and their next poker tournament began—planning a country-themed wedding.

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CLASSIC CHARM The duo tied the knot at Century Memorial Chapel in Downtown Naperville, choosing the location for its intimate and cozy atmosphere. Collette says, "I'll never forget the feeling of being walked down the aisle, making eye contact with Robert and being surrounded by family and friends."

SWEET SOPHISTICATION The colors of gray and yellow were used throughout the ceremony and reception from the place cards and menus down to the bride's hand painted shoes.

A COUNTRY FLORAL FEELING Mason jars wrapped in burlap with tea lights and flowers lined the ceremony aisle. Lanterns with flowers cascading down them added a little bit of elegance to the classic chapel. Bright variations of pink, yellow and orange were chosen to reflect the sun, since Robert proposed at sunset.

OWL ALWAYS LOVE YOU Every centerpiece at the couple's Abbey Farms reception included some sort of unique piece of owl décor due to the bride's love of owls. "It's one of the many things I love in life," she says. In lieu of favors, the couple made donations to JDRF and Project Paws Alive.

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WEDDING PLANNER

CATERER Chef by Request,

Wheaton

Schaumburg

FLORIST Town and Country Gardens, Geneva

CEREMONY SITE Naper Settlement. Naperville

Kasey Larson,

DBY Events

RECEPTION SITE The Nagel Emporium at Abbey Farms, Aurora

CAKE Sugar Path, Geneva

GROOMS ATTIRE Men's Wearhouse





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