





DARLING BOND

RACHEL + TYLER BACH

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A darling bond uniting roots cowboy and surf lifestyle, Rachel and Tyler Bach portray the best of young love. Exchanging vows on January 15th of 2015, chairs lined the flower-studded pathway of the Bach's outdoor ceremony at Waikoko's Beach in Hanalei.

The intimate service, performed by the honorable Cliff Nakea, included personally selected readings and a significant sand ceremony. Pouring the contrasting sands together, teary-eyed Farias and Bach family members watched as their youngest-born children were joined in matrimony.

Rachel's maid of honor Shelby and bridesmaid Lindsey stood elegantly nearby the palm tree-backed altar. Tyler was grateful that his older brother Joel and father Allen served as best man and groomsman in the wedding party.

The couple first met when Rachel's older brother Robby, a rodeo enthusiast, lost two fingers while working with Tyler and his family on their ranch in Rhome, Texas. After the accident, Rachel left her college studies in Colorado to support her injured brother and

arrived in Texas in March of 2014. The couple's eyes first collided at the hospital when Tyler came by late one night to visit Robby.

Tyler recalls, "She was gorgeous. I already knew I was going to marry Rachel. It was love at first sight."

Since Rachel grew up on the north shore of Kaua'i under the influence of the Farias paniolo ways, the cattle-driven livelihood of the Bachs was familiar territory. After spending summer break with Tyler at rodeos and taking a promised beach trip to the California coast, Tyler proposed.

"I love everything about him," Rachel expresses. "He reminds me of my dad. Tyler is extremely hard-working and strong-willed, yet so sensitive and supportive."

Saying yes to a cowboy-dressed stuffed animal bear that Tyler made at a workshop with "Will you marry me?" recited at the touch of its hand, the couple's engagement set the tone for the charming reception celebration. Occurring at the Farias family residence in K'lauea, the rustic elegance displayed bountiful bouquets of white peonies and soft pink roses







that dotted the tabletops and graced the scene.

Welcoming guests, a hand-painted sign by Rachel's Grandma Glori led to the central backyard clear-top tent that featured 1,001 good-luck hanging cranes and candlelit lanterns portraying a fairy-tale like atmosphere. Old stacked and stylized palettes formed a love and photo-studded altar, and the adjacent swimming pool shimmered with a flowery, floating "R heart T."

The unforgettable vintage Hawaiian Photo bus created lasting memories, and as sunset fell, emcee and DJ Michael Danduran set the stage for the couple's first dance to "Cowboys and Angels" by Dustin Lynch. As Rachel danced with her father and Tyler with his mother, emotions were high. Choreographed by her cousin, Heu'ionalani Bandmann, Rachel also performed hula for her new husband to the song E Ku'ulei My Love by Kuana Torres.

A delectable menu including kalua pig arancini, togarashi seared ahi sashimi and coconut luau topped short ribs was followed by the two-tiered naked cake filled with lilikoi pastry crème and the chocolatey groomsmen cake encircled with hay and topped with a cowboy hat.

Tenderhearted and sentimental, the Bach wedding bonded two families and promises a radiant future ahead. Rachel and Tyler's first born son, Colby, greeted the world in May of 2015. Only the beginning of the family life they wish to create together, Rachel also has plans to return to school for her teaching degree, and Tyler is looking forward to his role as a ranching daddy. ■



