



The wedding party is just the family members (from left) Kendall, Morgan, Scott, Payton, Liz, and Zach.

## Living and Loving Local

LIZ AND SCOTT HUCKINS SAY "I DO" TO A HOMETOWN WEDDING

FOR NEWLYWEDS Liz and Scott Huckins, their love of Barrington made wedding decisions easy. "I love her, and I love the town," Scott said. It was a family-first occasion with Francesca's restaurant as the wedding and reception venue, and just the bride and groom and their children made up the wedding party. Each has two children, and the couple set their wedding date around their children's school schedules.


Saying their vows in Barrington was a top priority, especially since their friends are here. Their hometown is a good blend of friends, their church (Saint Anne Catholic Community), and the

small-town feel that Barrington offers. Both grew up in nearby towns; he in Palatine, and she in Libertyville.

Liz and Scott met in 2012 at the gym at work, which at the time was Sears Holdings. They began dating in 2015 with a memorable first date at Chicago's River Walk. One year later, the two became engaged. Their wedding took place on September 2 this year in downtown Barrington. Rev. Jane Rubietta officiated for the marriage.

As for the venue, the decision was made before the engagement. "We chose Francesca's because we love the feel, the bartenders, and it is a special place for us in Barrington," Liz said. Liz had

attended the bridal show at Barrington's White House earlier this year, and met Christina Currie who was hired as their event planner. "I wanted a wedding as intimate, personal, and special as our relationship," Scott said.

Today, Scott is the CFO for a large firm, and Liz is a director of risk management. As they bring together their newly blended family, they look to each other with great fondness. "He is fantastically smart, amazing on all levels, and so loving," Liz says of the groom. Scott adds, "She has the best smile I've ever seen and does a good job looking out for me." 





Payton helps out as flower girl.

## LOVE, BARRINGTON STYLE

By Christina Currie

For Liz and Scott's wedding, I worked with Cook Street Plaza Management to have clearance of the courtyard space between Francesca's Famiglia and the surrounding stores, which were very accommodating. This was Francesca's first wedding ceremony. I explained the importance of adding twinkling lights to the tree trunks, even though it was not the holiday season. It gave the space a magical and romantic ambiance.

White drapes gave the space a more intimate feel for the ceremony. Stanchions were put out to keep the public from entering the courtyard during the 30-minute ceremony. Francesca's dining chairs were used for the ceremony and the restaurant cleared all outdoor furniture. After the ceremony, they served hors d'oeuvres outdoors while quickly clearing away the chairs to be utilized inside the reception room.

Barrington Flower Shop added its touch of elegance with gorgeous floral urns to set the "alter" for the ceremony. They also provided all personal flowers. Inside Francesca's, I created a guest lounge, which was designed around the cake and guest sign-in tables. All-white leather furniture gave the space a romantic feel. We were threatened by Mother Nature the night before with rain. If it were to rain, a white tent with twinkling lights would have been added to the courtyard.



Liz and Scott Huckins



A space adjacent to the banquet room at Francesca's Famiglia restaurant in Barrington was converted into a guest lounge.



## Local Vendors

Christina Currie Events  
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Touch of Sweets-Cake  
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M&M Special Events  
Fleur de Lis Salon-Hair  
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