

MAXWELL- NORRIS WEDDING

Elizabeth Louise Norris and Douglas Lesley Maxwell Jr. were married Oct. 19 at the Family Life Center of Algood United Methodist Church in a Messianic Jewish ceremony officiated by Putnam County Clerk Wayne Nabors.



The bride is the daughter of David and Candy Norris of Algood.

The bride wore a white dress as well as a tiara and veil and carried a bouquet of white and blue roses and baby's breath.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Tabathia Walker. Other attendants included Misty Watson and Crystal Dishman.

The groom wore a traditional Talit (prayer shawl), Kippah (yarmulke), white shirt, blue necktie and black dress slacks.

Attending the groom as best man was Glen Michael Russell. Other attendants included Matthew Dishman and Michael Dolan Russell, son of the best man.

The informal ceremony, led by the groom, began after the traditional bridal procession and the giving away of the bride by her parents. The bride walked seven times around the groom, symbolizing the seven matriarchs of the Messianic Jewish father: Eve, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Tamar, Ruth and Esther. The couple then lit the unity candle and moved under the traditional Chuppah (wedding canopy), where they stood for the remainder of the ceremony. The groom gave the sermon of the Meaning of Marriage.

The bride and groom spoke their own confessions and ring vows and exchanged wedding bands.

Traditional Jewish wedding music was played during the reception, where the wedding cake was decorated with depictions of menorahs on the sides. The couple dances to "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" from "Fiddler on the Roof," and the groom read the 23rd Psalm from the New American Standard Bible.

The couple resides in Algood, TN.

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