

Rebecca Susan Smith and Derek James Johnson, friends since childhood, were united in marriage on Saturday, June 16, 2007, at Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Buffalo, N.Y. The double ring ceremony was officiated by Father Dennis Martin, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Syracuse, N.Y., home parish of the bride. Readings were given by Kelly Johnson, sister of the groom; Susan Marshall of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, aunt of the groom; Margaret Gregg, of Castle Rock, Colorado, aunt and Godmother of the bride and Cindy Goodgate, special family friend of the bride. Ceremony music was provided by the Oakgrove String Quartet of East Aurora. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Pearl Street Grill. Guests were entertained into the night with music and dancing provided by the Nickel City Road Show. Family and friends from all across the United States and as far away as England, made this an evening to remember. On the eve of the wedding, parents of the groom hosted a rehearsal dinner at Chef's Restaurant. The groom and groomsmen were also honored earlier in the week at a golf outing hosted by the bride's father. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Smith of Syracuse. She is the granddaughter of Kathy Smith and the late Richard Smith and the late William and Maria Wingate. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnson, of Holland, N.Y. He is the grandson of



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Morry and Evelyn Leigh and the late James Sheppard, and Harry and Goldie Johnson. Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a strapless, satin, A-line gown with beaded, embroidered, split front tulle overlay and sweeping train. A teardrop veil with scalloped, beaded edge complemented her gown. The bride carried a vibrant bouquet composed of orange lilies, roses, orchids and freesia with bright blue delphinium accents. Childhood friend of the bride, Amy Williams

of Holland served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Shannon Combs of Batavia and Kristen Smith of South Wales, sisters of the bride; Michelle Smith of Boston, N.Y., sister-in-law of the bride; Eva Masters of Connecticut and Amy Hughes of New Jersey. Caitlin Smith of Boston, N.Y., niece of the bride, served as flower girl. Close friends of the groom, Jared Wharton of Ohio and Jeffrey Olson of Maryland, served as Best Men. Groomsmen included Gregory Smith of Boston, N.Y., brother of the bride; Jefferey Hughes

of Batavia, brother-in-law of the bride; Sean Franz of Toledo; Nicholas Richards of Albany and Richard King of Honeoye Falls. Owen Smith of Boston, N.Y. and Noah Hughes of Batavia, nephews of the bride, served as ring bearers. Rebecca is a 2004 graduate of Syracuse University. She graduated Magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Engineering, Mechanical Engineering degree. She is employed as a Senior Product Development Engineer at Smith & Jones in Buffalo, NY. Derek is a 2004 graduate from the Williams School of Business at Ohio State University. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in Marketing. Derek is currently serving in the United States Navy on the U.S.S. Wasp as a Third Class Petty Officer, specializing in Logistics. Thanks to Natalie DeSilva at Pearl Street Grill, Brian and Joyce at Schmitt's Countryhouse Studio, Mike and Ben from Key Video, Gayle and the Oakgrove Quartet, Mike from Nickel City Road Show, Carrie at Country Crossroads and Dean from Affordable Limousine. You added the special touches, which we are so appreciative of. Becky and Derek would like to especially thank their parents and all their family and friends, many who traveled great distances, for making this day unforgettable. Following a honeymoon in San Francisco, the couple will reside in Western New York.