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hen Jennifer Murphy was crowned Miss Oregon 2004, one of her royal privileges was to compete in the Miss USA pageant. "I'd never been to L.A.," says Jennifer, who had a long-term boyfriend at home. As one of the 10 finalists, Jennifer caught the eye of a certain audience member, *Extreme Makeover's* Dr. Bill Dorfman.

A renowned dentist and creator of the Zoom! tooth-whitening system, Bill noticed Jennifer's dazzling smile and thought she'd be a great spokeswoman for an upcoming campaign. "I was disappointed that I didn't win," Jennifer admits. But after meeting pageant owner Donald Trump and hearing of the potential endorsement, Jennifer went home with high hopes and a new outlook.

Eight months later Bill's company contacted her, and Jennifer flew to L.A. for an interview. "The minute I walked into Bill's office, I was struck by love at first sight," she says. "It was crazy." They spent a platonic weekend together, but Jennifer was so taken by Bill's positive attitude and passion for life that she knew she had to end her long-term relationship at home.

Back in Oregon and free for the first time in years, Jennifer decided to pursue another dream: She applied for a spot on her new friend Trump's *The Apprentice*. Out of a field of thousands, Jennifer nailed the audition and landed the gig. During that time, Jennifer and Bill spoke frequently—and soon realized their mutual feelings. The couple managed to sneak in a few weekend visits before she moved to New York for two months to film the show—and put their blossoming relationship on temporary hold.

When the show ended, she flew straight to Los Angeles. Little more than six months later, over a romantic Christmas Eve dinner, Bill casually asked, "Do you think a guy should get down on one knee to propose?" "I thought maybe he was taking notes for something he was planning down the line," Jennifer says. "I answered, 'Well, it would be the romantic thing to do.'" Bill promptly dropped to his knee and presented a jaw-dropping five-karat, radiant-cut ring he had designed. "I was speechless, so he went on and on with all of the reasons why he wanted to marry me," Jennifer recalls. When she caught her breath, she gave him the answer he wanted to hear.

With the help of "the greatest wedding planner ever" Wendy Rhodes, Jennifer began making arrangements. She called her pal "The Donald" to say that if he'd give her a good deal, she'd love to get married at his Trump National Golf Club in Rancho Palos Verdes. (Naturally, he agreed.)

As if by magic, other generous friends offered their talents. Couture designer Simin, a client of Bill's, offered to design Jennifer's dress. Another friend and renowned designer, Amir ("He dresses royalty, celebrities, and presidents," Jennifer explains), offered to create Bill's tuxedo.

The evening ceremony was "heartfelt and personal." Bill's younger twins Charlie and Georgie were flower girls along with their cousin Ava, and his eldest daughter, Anna, was Jennifer's maid of honor. The couple exchanged vows that were partly scripted and partly "from our hearts in the moment." Jennifer recalls that Bill's daughter Georgie, who was 8 at the time, had insisted that they practice the kiss before the wedding. "As we were pronounced husband and wife, she crept over by our feet and looked up at us, like *Okay, let's see if you get this right*," Jennifer laughs. "It was so sweet!"

After the ceremony, guests wined and dined, then the band kept the crowd on their toes with everything from jazz to country to classics. At one moment, Bill and two of his daughters took the mic and serenaded Jennifer with the Garth Brooks tune "Wrapped Up in You" while a (surprise) slideshow played for all to enjoy. "I felt like Cinderella at the ball," Jennifer enthuses.

As the event wound down and the guests trickled out, "I thought that was the end of the evening," says Jennifer. "But when we got to our hotel room, there were candles and rose petals everywhere. It was incredible. We had to rally at the end, because I wasn't going to be one of those brides who snores her wedding night away!"

The reception was elaborate and elegant, with rich hues of ivory, pale gold, dusty pink, and moss green—and lavish displays of flowers everywhere.

**THE DETAILS**

**Venue, Caterer, and Cake**

Trump National Golf Club

**Wedding Planner**

Wendy Rhodes of Wendy Rhodes Events

**Bridal Gown Designer**

Simin of Simin Haute Couture

**Bridesmaids' Dresses**

Maria Bianca Nero

**Jeweler**

XIV Karats

**Men's Formalwear**

**Groom:** Amir at the Beverly Hills Hotel

**Groomsmen:** Men's Wearhouse

**Floral Design**

Tic-Tock Couture Florals (designer: Eddie Zaratsian)

**Photography**

Joe Buisssink

**Videography**

Bluecat International

**Entertainment**

**Ceremony Music:** Angelica Strings

**Guitarist:** Richard Thorne

**Reception:**

DeBois Productions

**Band:** King Rhythm Babies

**Invitations**

**Invitations:** Lucky Paperie

**Satin Invitation Boxes and**

**Picture Frames:** Paper Girl

**Rentals/Linens**

**Chargers:**

Unique Tabletop Rentals

**Custom Linens:**

Tic-Tock Couture Florals

