

Auburn couple gets has wedding during the COVID-19 pandemic

When Amelia Moore met Tucker Robinson on the stage of the Auburn University Singers, they didn't know that their love story would unfold in the midst of a pandemic.

Now married, the bond that Amelia and Tucker Robinson share is stronger after wading through wedding waters tainted with COVID-19, riots, and wondering if their wedding would happen at all.

The Robinsons are not the only couple to endure ever-changing wedding plans. According to a [survey by the Greenville Business Magazine](#), 63% of engaged couples have postponed their weddings due to COVID-19.

The two singers met while on Auburn Singers' summer tour in 2017, when Tucker was looking forward to his senior year at Auburn. They became friends, and after the summer tour, Tucker decided to ask Amelia on a date. About two years later, Tucker proposed to Amelia in the flowering Botanical Gardens in Birmingham, Alabama.

“No, it was after a year and three-quarters,” Tucker corrected.

Amelia giggled, blaming the contrasting memory of details on the difference between male and female.

After the proposal in the summer of 2019, the couple set their wedding date to be June 20, 2020, unaware of the challenges that the early months of summer would place on engaged couples.

When the news of the new and novel coronavirus began rolling in at the start of 2020, Amelia thought the scare would vanish as quickly as it had showed up. But, as weeks of waiting for the virus to fizzle out turned into months, May quickly rolled in, and so did lockdowns in the state of Alabama.

“In May, they announced that you couldn’t gather in groups of 10 or more. That eventually climbed back up to groups of 50, but a lot of weddings were getting cancelled,” Amelia said.

Two weeks before the day of the wedding, the lockdown was lifted and group restrictions began to ease. Bright rays of hope began to shine through the looming clouds of 2020 for the soon-to-be Robinsons.

But, a rumbling thunder began to creep back in as Black Lives Matter riots and protests filled the streets of downtown Birmingham in the wake of George Floyd’s death, where the couple was planning their wedding reception.

As shops in Birmingham began to board up their windows and venues began to close to protect themselves, a new wave of COVID-19 lockdowns were enforced.

“Two weeks before our wedding, we started to shop for a new wedding venue,” Amelia said.

Miraculously, their original reception venue, Regions Field in the heart of Birmingham, Alabama, allowed them to celebrate their wedding as planned.

Tucker and Amelia’s wedding photographer, Ann Wade, noticed the sense of thankfulness within the wedding party despite the difficult circumstances.

“They planned and replanned a wedding probably 47 times, not only through a pandemic with daily changing regulations, but also right in the middle of the rioting and curfews in Birmingham,” Wade said.

Those able to attend the wedding reception at Regions Field were eager to have a night of fun and dancing after a long period of quarantine and lockdowns.

“It was interesting to see the wedding reception socially distanced and with some guests wearing masks,” Amelia said.

“For the ceremony, walking down the aisle and the marital traditions had to be done differently,” Tucker said.

Briarwood Presbyterian Church, the church that Amelia grew up in, has a large sanctuary that allowed guests to spread out and social distance. The couple made a special effort to have a safe ceremony for the elderly friends and family members that came.

“It was so special to see our guests spread out in that giant room,” Amelia said.

In another effort to protect the at-risk group of guests, the wedding party had a ‘fake send-off’, where those who were not going to the reception could witness a condensed version of the celebration. In front of the church, Tucker and his mother danced with the crowd circled and spaced-out around him. Amelia and her father danced in the same circle, and the newly married couple said a brief thank you and goodbye to their special guests.

With the impossibility of an extravagant honeymoon following the wedding, the Robinsons enjoyed what Amelia calls a “mini-moon” at a little beach in Seagrove, Florida. The couple had their honeymoon in September, traveling to an inclusive resort on the beaches of Playa Del Carmen in Mexico.

For the Robinsons, the theme of blessings beyond measure rested at the center of their wedding day. With friends who had to cancel their ceremonies all together, the Robinsons are thankful to have shared their ceremony with family and friends.

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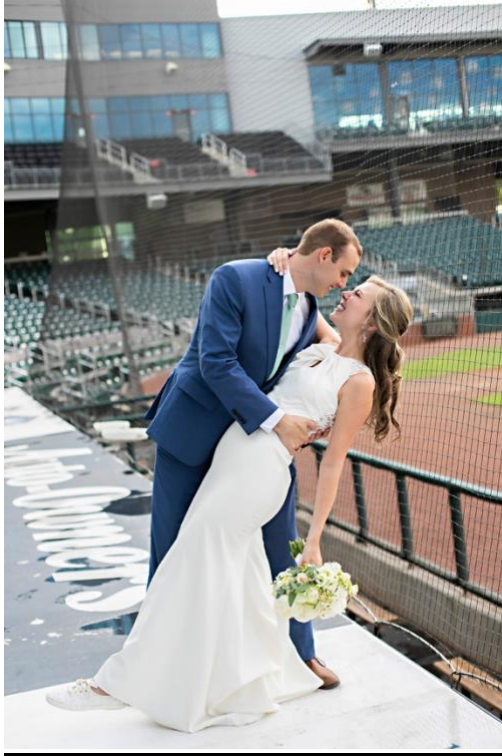


Tucker and Amelia Robinson got married during the COVID-19 pandemic on June 20, 2020.

(Ann Wade Photography)



The couple's low-risk family members joined their wedding celebration, while their high-risk family members enjoyed an intimate reception after the ceremony. (Ann Wade Photography)



Tucker and Amelia Robinson were able to hold their smaller wedding reception at Regions Field in Birmingham, Alabama. (Ann Wade Photography)