



*Tessie &
Matt*

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True love can be just around the corner, and for Matt and Tessie this was exactly the case. Though their parents were friends, Matt and Tessie were somewhat unaware of each other as they were growing up. They went to different schools and associated with different groups of people. However, as they grew older, their careers and their creative passions would bring them together.

Both would choose to pursue a career within the arts. Tessie attended school to become a jeweler and Matt, a blacksmith. Then one day, Matt's mother stepped into the jewelry shop where Tessie was working. Knowing that they would appreciate each other's line of work, his mother suggested that Tessie visit Matt's blacksmith shop, Wallace Metal Works, LLC. Tessie followed her advice.

Upon her arrival at Wallace Metal Works, LLC, Matt showed his beautiful guest around the shop. Tessie was immediately impressed with Matt's work, and soon, they were discussing their careers, their families, and their common experiences. The two easily cultivated a friendship, and in no time, their newfound friendship transformed into a romance.

After dating for about eight months, Tessie helped Matt to create

new marketing strategies for his shop. When her marketing strategies generated a significant increase in business, it seemed only natural for the two to begin working together full-time. Without hesitation, Tessie accepted Matt's invitation to direct the marketing and the welding at Wallace Metal Works, LLC.

As they worked together, their romance grew. Soon, they were engaged to be married. As they began to discuss their ideas for their wedding, they agreed that they wanted to create a wedding that would reflect their personalities. Since both appreciate subtle beauty, restful moments, and food, they decided to plan a relaxing, intimate wedding that would celebrate their profession, their creativity, and their love for each other through good food, good company, and relaxation.

To create a relaxing, intimate setting, Tessie and Matt limited their guest list to only fifty people. In addition, they decided to celebrate their wedding out of town. After searching within a five-hour radius of Charleston, West Virginia, they found Clifton, a charming inn located in Charlottesville, Virginia. After visiting Clifton, it was decided that the inn's easy charm and delicious cuisine made it the perfect location for their wedding.

