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A wedding, a union between two souls in love, is supposed to be a time of joy that can be remembered forever. A wedding needs to be an event steeped in the love of the guests and removed from any souring taint of stress. A wedding needs to be perfect. Jo Ann Schwartz creates that perfection.

Last year, my fiancée and I decided that we wanted a small, elegant, and intimate wedding. This would be an easy chore for most wedding planners. However, my fiancée and I decided that to accomplish this intimate goal we needed to host something away from the United States. We chose Italy for our union. This posed a complication that many planners were not qualified to handle. After a few interviews, and quite a few hours researching, we found our savior in Jo Ann. When our wedding arrived, Jo Ann had coordinated everything; twenty-two people arrived safely (with their own marvelous stories), feasts had been planned, guest gifts had been arranged, tour guides had been hired, and events planned for everyone. My wife and I had worried about nothing. Jo Ann and her husband had taken care of everything. On the day of our wedding, a day when most couples are frazzled with nerves, my wife and I were casually chatting with our guests and preparing for our ceremony. It was the calm of security that we felt because we knew that our affairs were in good safe hands. Even the impending rain and the blustering wind, things that cannot be controlled, did not hamper our wedding. Instead, the wind graced our wedding with gentle kisses, and the rain held off its blessing till after the ceremony. The wedding, and the week before, had been flawless and perfect for my wife and I.

Not many coordinators can handle the stress of dealing with foreign destinations. Our trip was not a destination package that can be purchased from some wedding catalog. It was the wedding of our dreams conceived from the minds of two people in love and brought to fruition by the diligence and competence of Jo Ann. Not just anyone could have made this dream possible. These letters, this glimpse into our lives, is a testament to the gratitude and pleasure my wife and I feel; the eternal thanks that we possess for Mrs. Schwartz's many efforts and the wonderful company of her and her husband. If we had to do it all over again, I don't think we would change a thing. Why mess with something already perfect? Thank you for our memories.

Eternally,

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