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This page, clockwise from top left: The pair share a pre-reception moment. Bulbous milk jugs. Paris flea-market finds, and chunky bottles hold blooms alongside new bowls. Peonies, roses, brunia, and omithogalum in the matron of honor's bouquet reference the bride's without duplicating it. One of the many French-European hors d'oeuvres served: fingerling crisp with caviar. A French liqueur made from Alps-grown elderflower is also served. Notecards stacked next to a box by Denise Sharp await guests' well-wishes. A family portrait includes the proud parents, shown at far left: Howard and Mary Lynn Gottfried, and Gilbert Colling. **Opposite:** Instead of giving florist Kathy Hoffman pictures of specific flowers or centerpieces, the couple asked her to capture a mood—romantic but understated—and she did just that with her compositions of twigs, leaves, coral ferns, Japanese anemones, and peonies. In keeping with the invitations, calligraphed name cards and menus share flourishes in favor of restraint.



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