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When Jeff Fairchild's grandfather needed surgery less than a week before Jeff and Wendi's wedding, there was no way Jeff's grandparents could make it from Florida to the ceremony in Atlanta. So Jeff and Wendi brought the ceremony to them, using Internet technology to tie the family together across hundreds of miles.

Jeff and Wendi were lucky. Their church, Peachtree Presbyterian, is a cyber pioneer that regularly broadcasts its services over the Internet. So when they asked if a "webcast" were possible, the minister was able to set it up in less than 48 hours. From a computer in their Florida home, Jeff's grandparents saw and heard it all -- the vows, the ring exchange, the reception.

"It was a huge success," said Wendi. "Jeff's grandparents were so excited. They couldn't physically attend the wedding, but they felt like they were there."

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