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Here comes the bride...

SHOCKING SECRET BEHIND LIZ WEDDING NEWS!

By Laurie Campbell

Elizabeth Taylor making plans for her ninth wedding so that, as the ailing star faces her last tragic days, she will die a married woman with a loving husband by her side?

The EXAMINER has learned exclusively that plans for late spring nuptials of La Liz, 78, and her longtime best friend and constant companion Jason Winters, 50, are indeed in the works — complete with a specially commissioned, \$3 million platinum turban, studded with one enormous

diamond and finished with Swarovski crystals she'll wear as a bridal crown.

"The wedding will take place before the end of June," a close friend tells The EXAMINER. "A tea party among Elizabeth's closest female friends was held a couple of weeks ago as a kind of bridal shower."

And the designer who was

commissioned to create the turban, Keith Holman, tells us: "The wedding WILL happen, but the details are being kept secret between Elizabeth and her groom-to-be."

Another friend of Liz, astrologer Jacqueline Stallone — movie star Sylvester's mother — tells The EXAMINER: "The real secret behind the engagement is that Jason makes her feel closer to her one-time soul mate Michael Jackson. She has been mourning his death terribly and when she's with Jason, she feels like she's with Michael. Jason has been a wonderful comfort."

Astrological chart

Jacqueline tells us Liz has requested that she do an astrological chart predicting the star's future with Jason. And another astrologer friend of Liz, Anthony Carr, who predicted recently that Liz would do something bizarre and shocking in the year 2010 — has been asked by Liz to do a reading of her palms on the day of her wedding.

News of Liz's upcoming wedding recently sent shock waves around the world — after all, the violet-eyed star had repeatedly sworn off marriage forever after the breakup of her eighth marriage to construction worker Larry Fortensky.

She stayed quiet about the engagement reports at first, and even her spokesman

seemed to confirm the plans when he said: "We generally don't respond to inquiries regarding her relationship status, but it is well known and documented that they have been together for some time."

Other friends were quick to add: "It's no secret that they're in love, so it wouldn't be a surprise if they were engaged."

But as the stories swirled, say insiders, Liz seemed to get cold feet. "Her biggest fear is that the small, intimate, backyard wedding she craves will turn into a three-ring circus," says a source.

"Besides that, she's wondering if she really ought to take the plunge into marriage again."

That's when she issued an official denial on Twitter, the social networking Internet site.

"The rumors regarding my engagement simply aren't true," she wrote.

"Jason is my manager and dearest friend. I love him with all my heart."

But insiders insist that Liz's Twitter message was just a ploy to keep her plans completely secret and avoid an onslaught of media attention.



Sketch of elaborate wedding turban by designer Keith Holman (below), who once designed costumes for Michael Jackson

Plus! Her \$3M bridal crown

Meanwhile, Liz's friends and family are thrilled that she's found love again with Jason.

Crippled by pain

She's battled serious health problems all her life, including chronic pain in her back and hips, congestive heart failure as well as other cardiac issues, a benign brain tumor and dangerous addictions to drugs and alcohol.

In recent years, she's been so crippled by pain that she's

confined to a wheelchair and has given up hope of ever being able to walk again.

"Jason has given her the strength to battle back," says an insider.

And at a time when she finds it nearly impossible to travel, Jason has coaxed her into making several romantic trips to Hawaii.

"A few years ago she was on the verge of becoming a bed-ridden recluse," says a source.

"Jason changed all that."

And whether they marry or not, Liz's loved ones are grateful that Jason is in her life.

"The truth is," says another pal, "Liz isn't sure right now whether she's going to go through with this wedding. But her friends are pretty sure that this time, she will tie the knot for the ninth time."



Jason and Liz: "I love him with all my heart"



Jacqueline Stallone and Anthony Carr will read Liz's future



Liz Taylor and Michael Jackson were soul mates — now Jason is filling the void since Michael's death