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Wedding Week "I Do's" And "I Don'ts" For The Mother Of The Groom

By Pepper Montero

You are sitting in the right-hand pew looking at your soon to be daughter-in-law. As she begins to say her vows, she glances your way. What do you see as she looks into your eyes? Is it adoration and gratitude over becoming part of your family, or does she quickly look away, unwilling or unwanted to make eye contact with you?

Hopefully, you aren't really in the church quite yet nor has the big day already come and gone. Ideally, when reading this article, you are at least one week away from the day your son marries the woman to whom he is committing himself and his life. If you want a healthy relationship with your future daughter-in-law, read on, check out

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, and carefully follow this advice.

Unfortunately, as the mother of the groom, you have little to no say—so in the wedding. Some people would argue that if you are footing some of the bill that you do have a right to express your opinion and have some things your way. As a wedding consultant, I'm telling you that you don't.

Unless your son's fiancée asks for your opinion, do not give it! Don't even let your son in on your true thoughts about his bride-elect or the wedding that is to come. Mother-in-law relationships can get quite messy. Give them the best possible start by being quietly supportive.

Another good quality for a groom's mom to have is flexibility. If the schedule says to be a certain place at a certain time and the bride changes her mind five minutes prior, go with it! You and I both know what a major disaster this can lead to, but in the end, it doesn't matter. No mishaps are ever blamed on the mother of the groom unless she has been loudly unsupportive.

Avoid being passive aggressive as well. By this, I mean don't neglect a time schedule just to get back at your son or his fiancée. Don't "accidentally" spill any substance on anyone or anything to make any kind point.

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Focus your attention during the week prior to the wedding on taking care of your out of town guests. Planning welcome baskets for hotel rooms and day-after brunches can take your mind off of those wedding aspects with which you do not agree. In regards to your out of town guests, it is best to keep your opinions to yourself again. You don't want people pitying the bride on her wedding day because of the mess she is getting into with her future mother-in-law. Believe me, the overlooked details you are dying to dish about will be very obvious to your guests. Better to take the high road on this one!

As this final week comes and goes, try to think of ways to improve your relationship with your son's betrothed. If you already have a good relationship, stay out of the way so that you don't cause any last minute tensions. If you don't have a good relationship, I suggest writing your daughter-in-law a letter wishing her the best and assuring her that you are glad she will be a part of your family (even if you aren't). Respecting your son and his bride are the most important gifts you can give them at their wedding.

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Wedding Speech Templates

By James Nardel

As the best man, you are an integral part of the wedding process. It was up to you to throw the perfect bachelor party. On the day of the wedding, you not only made sure the groom was looking sharp, but also made sure he got to his wedding on time with his bride's ring. Now, as you're sitting to the groom's left at the reception, you stand and say, "I would like to propose a toast." Although you've done all your duties perfectly up to this point, the wedding toast determines how you will be remembered by everyone in attendance. The last thing you want is to look into the crowd at hundreds of blank stares as you stumble over your words. Not to worry, by following some simple tips and guidelines, you'll have an instant wedding toast that will impress the bride and groom and leave your audience with tears in their eyes.

The ideal wedding speech should be between two and four minutes. Normally, in addition to the best

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man's wedding toast, the father of the bride, the groom, and the maid of honor should all be prepared to give a wedding speech. The father of the bride speech is should be given first. It consists of a congratulations to the groom for becoming part of the family, and wishes of good luck to the bride and groom. The groom speaks next, taking time to thank his family and friends for coming to the wedding and bringing gifts. The best man's speech follows the groom's wedding speech. The best man's speech should be a funny speech, which is why its so memorable to the audience. Finally, the maid of honor's speech is the a quick, concise wedding speech that signals its time to get back to dancing at the reception.

If you've read this far and still feel lost or overwhelmed, here are two words for you: don't be. You don't have to be a world renowned writer to write a memorable wedding speech. If you don't know where to start, InstantWeddingToasts.com has the answer for you. They provide over hundred wedding speech templates for immediate download. All you need to do is add your personal information about the bride and groom into the wedding speech template, and before you know it, you have a memorable instant wedding toast. Whether you're giving a father of the bride speech, the groom speech, the best man toast, or the maid of honor speech, there is a template for you.

You may be asking yourself, "Why should I use a wedding speech template?" The answer is simple. Weddings are a stressful time, and by using a wedding speech template, you're freeing up time to use on all your other wedding duties. Instant Wedding Toast templates are also the easiest way to guarantee that you'll give a speech that's memorable to everyone in your audience, including the bride and groom. You'll know that on the wedding day, whether you're the father or the groom, the best man or the maid of honor, you can stand up and say "I'd like to propose a toast" with confidence, because you know that you're about to put a tear in every eye in your audience.

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