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Father of the Bride Example Speeches

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Father of the Bride Wedding Speeches

Typically the father of the bride (and/or groom) has to foot the majority of the bill for the wedding, so it is only proper that he makes the first speech.

The father of the bride/groom usually addresses the guests formally, welcoming them to the wedding, thanks the people by way of acknowledgment for the contributions they have made towards the wedding.

The father of the bride or groom may also talk more casually about his feelings and relationship with his son or daughter and also welcome the bride or groom and in-laws in to his family.

Father of the Bride speech basics:

- Welcome the guests to the wedding.
- Thank them for coming to help you celebrate the wedding of your daughter.
- Tell them about your son or daughter.
- Tell them about your new son or daughter in-law.
- Toast the Bride and Groom.

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Example Speech Father of the Bride Speech #1

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As father of the bride I have the pleasure of making the first speech.

I have been given lots and lots of advice on what to or what not to say such as keep it short, no smutty jokes, try and remember... names... etc.

However it is over 29 years since I was allowed to say anything without being disagreed with, laughed at or ignored so this is too good an opportunity to miss.

At the end of the day it is my speech and I can say what I like.

I would like to start by on behalf of the brides mother, myself and grooms parents giving a warm welcome to all the relatives and friends who have joined us to celebrate (Groom) & Jessica's wedding. I know that many of you have travelled long distances to be here. Thank you all for coming to help celebrate this very special day. As I look around the room I realise how many friends (Groom) and Jessica have and I hope that you all have a wonderful afternoon and evening.

Today I must admit that I am the proudest dad in the world to have accompanied Jessica today. I think that you will all agree that she looked stunning. This is where I am supposed to say a few embarrassing things about her when she was younger but as she worked with me for a time she probably knows more gossip about me than I know about her so I have called a truce. Suffice it to say that Maureen and I are both very proud of how she looks today and how she has grown up and are both delighted that she has found someone who she obviously loves and cares so much for.

There are two things which we as parents try to give our children, one is roots and the other is wings. Helena you have now grown your wings and fled the nest but you will still be loved all always still have roots within our family.

In (Groom) I believe that Jess has met her perfect partner. Although we have not known (Groom) long both Maureen and I think he is everything one could hope for in a son in law.

Mind you I knew we would get on when he took me out to the pub to ask for her hand in marriage. I remember thinking 'I hope he picks the hand which keeps dipping into my pocket'. We shall see.

Seriously he has many good qualities, not least of which is an ability to appreciate the finer things in life. Well, after all, he did marry our daughter didn't he?

Now we get to the tricky part of the speech.

According to the internet's idiots guide to wedding speeches this is where I am supposed to give advice on the subject of marriage. Many would probably say that I am probably not the best person to do this. Perhaps the only thing I know about marriage is that it is the time when you stop painting the town and start painting walls and ceilings.

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Anyway (Groom) and Jess do not need my advice. The only thing I would say is that you must choose the right partner for the right reason and I think that they both have done this.

I suppose that after 38 years of happy marriage I ought to be able to manage something a bit more constructive. (Groom) just remember these 3 words ...all, just and only. You will hear them time and again. Such as all you need to do is, its only costs so much & it will only take 5 minutes. These are all gross understatements but as a great philosopher or comedian said, women are to be loved and not understood. Mind you, helping around the house is not a bad idea. I know from the crime statistics that there has never been a case of a wife shooting her husband while he was doing the washing up.

After that I had better finish but before that I would like to offer one or two final thoughts.

Marriage is the meeting of two minds, of two hearts and of two souls. It is clear that (Groom) and Jessica are a perfect example of this.

May they be blessed with happiness that grows and with love that lasts and a peaceful life together.

I wish them enjoyment for today, the fulfillment of all their hopes and dreams for tomorrow and love and happiness always.

It is now my pleasure to propose a toast to the happy couple. Please be upstanding and raise your glasses to the bride and groom Mr & Mrs Campbell.

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Example Speeches - Father of the Bride Speech #2

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen

I did ask for an autocue for my speech today, as I have a memory like a geriatric goldfish, but I was told that the budget had been stretched to capacity and any extras would have to be paid for by myself...(reach for piece of paper) I suddenly realised that this piece of paper is good enough!

INTRODUCTION

For those of you who don't know me I'm Mick, Michelle's Dad and on behalf of my wife Joan and I, I would like to welcome you all here today to celebrate the marriage of our daughter Michelle to Tony.

I would like to welcome Tony's parents, John & Julia, his sister Annie, as well as all our relatives and friends. I know a lot of you have travelled considerable distances to be here.

Thank you all for coming to see me, it's very much appreciated.

THE WEDDING

When I first thought about organising all of this I was quite worried about getting everything right...actually I have found it all very easy...You sit back and everything happens. It was just like my own wedding in 1970! I really don't know what all the fuss is about. The only thing I must say is that I was most upset that my suggestion of the local scout hut as a venue was dismissed without any consideration, however I must admit the final selection is perfectly acceptable.

MY DAUGHTER (Bride)

This is the point where I am supposed to say a few embarrassing things about Michelle when she was younger but unfortunately she has been a perfect daughter. Michelle, you've spelt perfect wrong..., anyway, she has more ammunition against me than I have about her so I have called a truce.

Suffice it to say that Joanie and I are both very proud of how she looks today and how she has grown up and are both delighted that she has found someone who she obviously loves and cares for very much.

I clearly remember my own wedding day being one of the proudest days of my life.

I also clearly remember 25th July 1978...look at Michelle... I was just settling down with a few beers to watch the World Cup Final between Argentina & Holland when I got a call from the hospital to say Joan had gone into in labour...Luckily, the game didn't go into extra time, so I was able to set off after only 90 minutes...Argentina won 3-1. When I arrived, I was handed an 8lb baby girl...It was my first daughter. She was my first princess in my own Royal Family.

It was a fantastic, memorable day... because I had Argentina in the sweep at work.

As she grew up there were many milestones along the way.
First steps wearing fluffy pink slippers.

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First day at school.

First time away from home and a school trip.

First falling over drunk and breaking her nose...sorry, I was told not to mention the nose incident. I've mentioned it once and I think I've got away with it.

There is one particular incident that I recall that prepared me for Michelle....

Michelle was 6 years old she went out to buy a small ice cream from the ice cream van. She returned with a double cone with strawberry and vanilla flavours, 2 flakes in the ice cream, hundreds and thousands topping sprinkled on top and the whole work of art was covered in strawberry sauce, topped off with some bubble gum inside the cone...I didn't get any change and it was at this point that I realized my daughter had expensive taste.

I remember not so long ago being told by all of my children...'when we get married it'll just be a small do', but luckily the ice cream incident prepared me for Michelle's ideas of small.

Michelle has made us very proud. All parents want their children to have a good education and give themselves a good start in life. Michelle went to University and passed out...not literally, I'm not mentioning the nose incident again...she passed with an honours degree.

Today, I look at my daughter and I see an independent, attractive, elegant, stunning young woman. She obviously takes after her mother.

Of course she inherits other traits from me...

her cooking...

her musical talent...

her allergy to housework...

her appreciation for the finer things in life (DOWN GLASS OF CHAMPAGNE)

Groom

Every Father hopes his daughter will find a reliable, sensible, and considerate partner and as much as you try not to interfere in their lives, you always hope your children will make the right choices in life. Michelle chose Tony.

I have found that (Groom) is reliable, sensible and considerate, especially when planning a trip to the pub, and as this closely matches my own values I think Michelle has made an excellent choice and I welcome (Groom) to the (FAMILY NAME) Clan.

(Groom), I hope that you will be able to keep my daughter in the lifestyle in which she has become accustomed. I totally understand why you have chosen a career in the world of gambling!

To help you with your marriage, I thought I would give you some advice based on my 36 year experience of married life.

Marriage will teach you many things... loyalty...self restraint...obedience...I am still in daily training on these matters.

There is no challenge in a marriage that can't be overcome by one or more of the following:

I was wrong!

You were right!

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Yes Dear
I love you!

Finally, Never go to bed in the middle of an argument – be a man stay up and fight and watch some sport... You've lost anyway so you might as well get it over with.

I would just like to leave you with this thought...

The actor Richard Burton once said that a woman accepts a man for what he is and then spends the rest of her life trying to change him.'... So, if we can all take one last look at (Groom) as we know him because (Bride)'s remodelling work starts first thing in the morning.

Finally, if you would all be upstanding, I would like you all to raise a glass for the health and happiness of the bride and groom (Bride & Groom).

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Example Speeches - Father of the Bride Speech #3

Ladies and gentlemen, as father of the Bride, it's my privilege to make the first speech, and I'd like to start by saying what a pleasure it is to welcome you all to (Bride & Groom) wedding.

I want to welcome (Groom) parents, (Parents) and all the relatives and friends of both families, and to thank you all for coming, especially those of you who have travelled great distances to be here today. It's really great to see you all.

Today, we on the top table are surrounded by most of the friends and family who have been important to us during our lives. And by your presence today, you show your friendship and love, and bring even greater joy to this wonderful day.

Unfortunately, we are missing two very important people however – (Bride) Nanna and Grand-dad, who were unable to make the trip due to Grand-dad's ill health. We will be making a special journey north tomorrow to show them (Bride) in her wedding dress, and take them some pictures of the day and some cake. In the meantime, I would be grateful if you will raise your glasses in their honour - to Nanna & Grand-dad. Thank you.

I'm also pleased to formally welcome (Groom) into the family, although, as far as we're concerned, he's been part of the family for ages. During the time that we have known (Groom), we have come to realize just how special he is to (Bride) – anyone can see that they're made for each other. I'm sure you'll agree they make a beautiful couple.

A lot of effort has gone into making this the special day that (Bride) and Groom deserve, and I'd like to make particular mention of a few of the people concerned. (grooms) parents, (Mother) and (Father) have made a big contribution towards the success of today, and I'd like to thank them for all their efforts. Also, (Bride) and Groom themselves have worked hard, and with great enthusiasm to make the necessary arrangements, especially for the honeymoon, which seems to have been a bit of a priority!

I'd also like to thank the staff of the Parsonage for helping to make this a special day.

And there's another person who has worked tirelessly over many months to create the handmade invitations, the Orders of Service, and the menu cards, which I'm sure you'll agree were fabulous. Also, her talents extended to preparing all the table decorations that you see before you. She would say that it was a labour of love, and I know how much (Bride) and Groom appreciate her efforts, but I'd like add my thanks and propose a toast to the mother of the bride – to (MOB).

I am really fortunate that my daughter has met her Mr. Right. Of course, marriage isn't just about finding the perfect partner, but also about being one. (Bride) has made such a success of her life and career so far, that I'm sure her marriage to Groom will be just as successful.

(MOB) and I have been looking forward to this day for a long time...not because we want to hand over responsibility for our daughter, but because it's a proud day for us to see (Bride) so happy, and so in love – and looking so beautiful today.

But handing (Bride) over to Groom reminds me of that well known theory about marriage:

If you love something, set it free.

If it comes back, it was, and will always be yours.

If it never returns, it was never yours to begin with.

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And if all it does is sit in your house, mess up your stuff, spend your money and use the telephone all night... you either married it or gave birth to it.

Marriage is a funny thing though. Did you know that in a recent survey carried out to establish whether married men live longer than bachelors, they found that actually there's no difference. It just seems longer when you're married!

Groom made a real impression on me when he first came into (Bride's) life. It was about two in the morning, and he was lying in the gutter outside our house next to a speed bump singing 'Angels' to (Bride), with (friend) trying to shut him up. Pity (Bride) wasn't at home that night to appreciate it.

But (Groom's) a great lad, only problem with him is he's an (Sport team) fan, but even Gooners deserve a chance in life... and marrying into a (Team) family gives him a chance to see the light before his life is totally ruined.

Groom will know by now that (Bride's) not the shy, retiring type - she likes to be the centre of attention. That's probably why she took to dancing from an early age - she joined a dance school at the age of three and I didn't see her again until she was 18, still, it kept her out of trouble.

She's also very strong willed, as Groom will have found out, and we've had many a battle of wills over the years. (MOB) reckons that's because we're too much alike, but I think she takes after her mother.

Seriously though, I know that (Bride) and (Groom) will be as happy as (MOB) and I are, and can look forward to many happy years together.

(Bride) is a very caring and loving person. She's my only daughter, and I love her and I'm very proud to have her as my daughter. Please join me in raising your glasses in a toast to the happy couple - (Bride) & (Groom).

I'd now like to hand over to my son-in-law - (Groom).

Wow, what an emotional wedding - even the cake's in tiers!

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