

The Mother of the Bride's Wedding Speech Guide



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Dear Mother of the Bride...

Congratulations!

It's an exciting time for you as your daughter embarks on a new adventure with her husband.

It's a wonderful idea to honor your daughter at the wedding reception by giving a Mother of the Bride wedding speech and toast to the bride and groom.

It's an important occasion. And your speech will be one the bride and groom will remember in particular.

The Top 5 Most Important Wedding Speech Tips

As you've read the articles and posts at WeddingSpeechesAndVows.com I hope you've picked up some handy tips for your wedding speech.

Here are what I consider the most important ones to keep in mind...

- (1) Don't try to "wing it" with your wedding speech. Spur of the moment comments can be a disaster. Give your wedding speech careful thought and preparation for the bride and groom's special day.
- (2) Start preparing your speech early. Give yourself lots of time for ideas to percolate. The less rushed you are, the better your speech will be.
- (3) Keep your speech to 5 minutes...maximum. That's about 750 words.
- (4) Memorize your opening and closing sentences and your toast. It will increase your confidence and allow for smooth transitions as your speech progresses.
- (5) Practice your speech. Out loud. In front of a mirror...or a friend. You don't have to memorize it word for word. But you should know what you are going to say so it sounds natural.

Talents You Can Use In Your Wedding Speech

As you think about what to say in your wedding speech, ask yourself what qualities you bring to your presentation...

- Are you good at one-liners or are you gracious with a sense of humor that never fails to get a laugh?
- Are you known for giving sound advice or words of wisdom?

Because you're the proud Mother of the Bride, your speech will in all likelihood be quite emotional.

Craft your wedding speech to your personality. If you've got a wonderful sense of humor, it will be hard for you to give a serious wedding speech without at least a few teasing remarks about the bride or groom.

Also consider the personalities of the bride and groom. Are they a fun loving couple who enjoys humor and a good laugh? Or are they serious minded and might be embarrassed with some gentle ribbing?

In preparing your wedding speech, think about what qualities you bring to your presentation or tribute and then tailor your speech and message accordingly.

Public Speaking Confidence Booster

If you're like most of us, the thought of giving a speech in front of a group of people sends a momentary shiver of panic through your body.

The good news is that with thorough preparation you can overcome the worst of your fears very easily.

Amazingly, being slightly nervous before giving your wedding speech can help you do even better. Even professional performers admit to being nervous before going on stage.

The secret to boosting your public speaking self-assurance is this: Proper preparation and rehearsal. Prepare and practice your speech and you'll have the confidence to deliver your wedding speech with ease and poise.

What To Talk About In Your Wedding Speech

As Mother of the Bride, you will join your husband in welcoming the wedding guests - particularly the groom's parents and friends - and thanking them for celebrating the happy event with you and your family.

The main part of your speech will be a tribute to your daughter on her special day. But be sure to include the groom in your speech as well.

Here, then, are several questions you can ask yourself as you begin to put your presentation together and develop a "theme"...

- What is it that you admire about your daughter? What makes you proud of her?
- Is there a heartwarming story about your daughter's qualities that you could talk about?
- Does your daughter have any habits you can comment on (without embarrassing her)?
- Do you have any favorite memories of the bride as she was growing up that you could include in your theme?
- Do the bride and groom share the same profession -- musicians, lawyers, accountants, doctors. Can you link their professions to your wedding speech theme using terms that apply to that profession?
- Was there something unusual about how they met? Did they meet by accident or was it pre-planned by friends? Was it serendipity, coincidence, accident, or fate?

- How is *your* life affected by the marriage? Are you losing a daughter but gaining the use of your den for your sewing or craft projects?

Select a couple of topics to develop your wedding speech theme around - things that strike you as being especially appropriate for the occasion.

You can be sentimental with a poignant story. You can talk about how proud you are of your daughter. And you can offer advice or words of wisdom to your daughter and son-in-law.

Your wedding speech doesn't have to be completely serious. It can include a joke...or humorous story about married life.

It's certainly appropriate - and expected - for you to wish your daughter and her new husband a happy marriage and to congratulate and welcome the groom to your family on behalf of yourself and your husband.

And it goes without saying that you'll mention how radiant, happy, and beautiful your daughter looks and how lucky the groom is to have such a wonderful woman to share his life with.

You might also want to include a formal welcome to the groom's parents and tell them how you look forward to getting to know them better and strengthening your friendship with them.

Where To Get Inspiration For Your Wedding Speech and Toast

Chances are this is the first time you've given a Mother of the Bride wedding speech. If so, then there are certain things you'll probably want to achieve...

- You want your wedding speech to start strongly and capture the wedding guests' attention immediately.
- You want your speech to be sentimental...with a touch of humor. And you want to know how to blend the two in your speech.
- You don't want to make a fool of yourself and be humiliated in front of 50...100...or more wedding guests.
- You want your speech to be a special tribute to your daughter and her groom. You want it to be memorable - something your daughter and her groom will remember with affection.

Your speech will be one of the highlights of your daughter's wedding. It's one that you'll look back and remember with pride. And it's definitely one that will be cherished by your daughter.

But, if you're like most Mothers of the Bride, you don't know where to start or what to say. You don't know jokes or quotes that are appropriate for weddings. And you don't know how to word your feelings and sentiments so they are meaningful - especially to your daughter.

Not only that, you need inspiration to get ideas flowing so you can create a memorable speech. The best - and fastest - way to get inspiration is to use [wedding speech templates and examples](#).

Fill-in-the-blanks templates are a quick and easy way to start preparing your Mother of the Bride wedding speech - especially when you've got so many other wedding details to attend to.

You get examples of how to **open and close your speech**. That's important because you want to grab the wedding guests' attention immediately. And you want to close the speech on the right note and lead smoothly into the toast. That's one sign of a confident, eloquent wedding speaker.

You get **sample speeches** from which you'll get your ideas. You'll be able to cut and paste snippets from speeches, add your own material, and then polish and fine tune.

So instead of spending what might be days writing your speech from scratch, and agonizing over the correct words to use, you'll have the framework for your speech put together faster than you ever thought possible.

What's more, you get **examples of toasts** to use as you pay tribute to your daughter and her husband at the end of your speech.

The **speeches** in the templates are all prepared by professional writers so they'll sound polished - which is exactly how you want to sound when you stand up in front of all the wedding guests.

And best of all, you'll have a wide range of **jokes and quotations** to select from so you can create a funny and memorable wedding speech. You'll be able to pick and choose what's appropriate and what fits with your own material.

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The Toast To The Bride And Groom

You've now come to the final part of your speech.

Here are some cheerful and positive ways you can finish your wedding speech...

- You could leave the bride and groom with an uplifting message about marriage or a comment about how bright their future is and how they should look forward to their new adventure in life.
- You could say something affectionate and sentimental -- how you love your daughter and how much you and your husband are going to miss her even though you know she is in good hands with her new husband.
- You could end with a wish: You wish them health, happiness, and a long life.

Then it's time to propose your toast to the bride and groom.

Ask the wedding guests to stand and join you in toasting the happy couple.

But that's not all! As Mother of the Bride...

You Might Have To Make Not Just One Wedding Speech...But Two!

With all the pre-wedding functions you'll be attending, you might be called upon - or feel obligated - to make another toast or short speech before the big event at the wedding reception. So it's a good idea to have more than one speech or toast ready for these other occasions.

You'll look like a true professional giving one speech and toast at a pre-wedding event and then presenting totally different versions at the wedding reception.

To You It's Just A Wedding Speech... To Your Daughter It's A Cherished Memory

Be sure to take a moment to look at [Mother of the Bride Speeches](#) before you start preparing your speech - or speeches - for one of the most important events of your daughter's life.

Here's a breakdown of what you get in this amazing speech making package:

- ✓ 20 sample Mother of the Bride Speeches to create a lasting memory with your daughter
- ✓ Over 100 toasts to finish your wedding speech with impact
- ✓ Over 100 jokes, quotes, and one-liners to inject humor and sentiment into your presentation
- ✓ Unstoppable Confidence audio program for reducing stage fright and speech anxiety so you deliver your speech with poise and confidence.
- ✓ PLUS, you also get one **FREE email speech consultation** in case you have any lingering doubts about how good your speech is. (Be sure to leave plenty of time for the consultation so you can polish and fine tune your speech. Of course, if you don't have a lot of time, use the pre-written speech templates.)

And it all comes with a 100% satisfaction, money-back guarantee so you can feel confident that you'll create a lasting memory for your daughter with a [memorable speech](#).

With proper preparation before the wedding events get underway, you'll give a memorable wedding speech your daughter will remember for years to come.

Not only will your daughter and her groom be left with a wonderful memory, the wedding guests will rave about your daughter's wedding ...and the unforgettable wedding reception that followed.

We wish you every joy and happiness on your daughter's wedding day!

~ The Wedding Speaker ~

P.S. Occasionally I'm asked what to say when the bride's father is deceased. Your daughter's wedding is a happy occasion and you don't want to make your speech melancholy. But it's certainly appropriate to say a few words along the lines that her father would have been proud of her on her special day. And even though he's not there in person, he's with her in spirit.

PPS. On quality bond paper (grey is one color to consider) print out a copy of your Mother of the Bride wedding speech. Then present it to your daughter so she can keep it as a lasting memory of her dream wedding day.

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