

# wedding speeches

*for the  
Mother of the  
Bride & Groom*



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# Introduction

In the past mother of the bride and mother of the groom speeches were rare. Usually, at a wedding, you'd hear a father of the bride speech and a best man's speech. But other than those, any additional speeches—other than impromptu toasts—were usually not expected.

Today, mother of the bride and mother of the groom speeches are becoming much more common. If you're reading this book right now, you're obviously in the position to give one of them at an upcoming wedding.

Now, when it comes to this type of speech, it's important to understand that they aren't always easy to give. A lot of emotion will need to go into both the writing and the rehearsing process. It can be difficult, time-consuming, and emotionally-taxing.

What this book will do for you is give you a number of speech templates. You can use these as the starting point when you work on your speech. All you will have to do is fill in names and specific anecdotes; and you will have something ready to deliver when the big day finally arrives.

Once you have selected a speech and have changed the names, the anecdotes, and the tone (if desired), you will have to rehearse it several times before the wedding. This will ensure that your delivery is smoothed and measured.

With all of that out of the way, let's take a look at the templates.

# Mother of the Bride or Groom Speeches

## *Mother of the Bride Speech I*

On behalf of the bride and groom, I would like to thank everyone for coming here tonight. I know they didn't get the chance to tell you all this, but they asked me to say something. So thank you.

For those of you who haven't met me, I'm [name of bride]'s mother. And I couldn't be happier tonight to see my beautiful young lady settle down with the man of her dreams.

When I was first asked to do a mother of the bride speech, I wasn't sure if I could. I'm a pretty shy person. And I know that a lot of people probably don't want to hear another speech after the best man and after my husband were finished delivering their speeches.

But I agreed to do it. And here's why: [Tell a humorous or interesting story about the bride and/or groom that illustrates why you choose to do it].

But that's not all I want to tell you about my daughter and her husband. I can still remember the first day my daughter told me about him. [Tell story about the first time you heard about groom].

Yes. She was truly in love from the start. It wasn't long after they met that she secretly began planning the wedding—at least in her mind. I think she always knew that they would end up married. It was just a matter of when and where.

Now that I've said what I wanted to say, I won't keep you all any longer. But before I go, I would like to propose a toast to the beautiful bride and her handsome groom. <Raises glass.>

To my daughter and to her husband: I love you both. May you find true happiness in each other. May you learn to be patient, understanding, and compassionate towards each other always. And may your love for each other grow stronger every day. Cheers!

## ***Mother of the Bride Speech II***

As a married woman of [number of years you have been married], I was excited to hear that my daughter was getting married. I've known the joy, security, and peacefulness of marriage. And I had hoped that my daughter would be able to find someone to share it with, too.

Well, find someone she did. I can still remember the first day she met [groom's name]. It was [explain the time of the year and events surrounding the meeting]. I still remember it well because I thought it was so uncommon at the time.

Usually, when my daughter met someone new, she didn't bother to tell me right away. And I'm sure most single people are the same way. You don't want to announce a relationship to the world—to all your friends and family members—when it is still fragile.

But somehow, someway, she new pretty quickly on that this was for real. It wasn't even months or weeks after she had met him that she called me. On the phone, she told me [Tell humorous or funny store about phone conversation about the groom].

From that day forward, I looked forward to meeting that young gentleman. I knew that if he made my daughter that happy, then there must be something good about him. He must be someone special.

As it turns out, he was. A mere [amount of weeks/months before you met groom] after I first heard about [groom], he showed up on my doorstep, looking handsome and, frankly, a bit nervous. I think my husband scared him a bit.

But after meeting him, I knew even more that my first impression was correct. I knew he was loving and kind. And I knew that he truly made my daughter happy and full of joy.

So, today, as I watched these two get married at the alter, my heart filled with joy and my eyes with tears. I knew that they were a perfect match for each other; and that this wedding couldn't be a better occasion.

So, to my daughter and to her wonderful new husband: I want you to know that I love both of you; and I want nothing but the best for you. I hope the marriage that you two share is filled with the delight and the joy that mine has been for the past [number of years married].

## ***Mother of the Bride Speech III***

Since no one has said it yet, I want to tell you an important story: the story of how my daughter met the handsome man that she married today. Bridesmaids and single ladies—take notes. Maybe you can land a hunk, too.

[Tell story about how your daughter met her groom].

What amazes me even more about this story is that they both knew it was right immediately. And it wasn't in that sort of teenage, puppy-love way, where you think any relationship is right, but in a deep, mature way.

And maybe this is why I had such an easy time liking [groom's name]. From the start. I knew that he made my daughter happy. I knew that he loved her. And from the stories my daughter had told, I knew that they were right for each other.

And from then on, I watched their relationship grow each day. It grew out from that initial seed—that recognition that they were good for each other—in a large, sturdy tree.

[Tell story about how relationship changed over time. Try to make it light or humorous].

And even through the tough times, they stuck together. When things got difficult, they banded together, rather than looking for an excuse to cast each other off for something fleeting and momentarily exciting.

[Tell somber story about how they responded to a difficult event and go through it together].

So today, I can tell you this with complete certainty: these two are a wonderful match for each other. They truly love each other. And I expect them to have a long-lasting and loving marriage.

Everyone, please lift up your glasses. To the bride and groom: may you grow closer each day. May you overcome challenges together. May you find new ways to love each other more. And may your marriage always stay exciting and fun. Cheers!

## ***Mother of the Bride Speech IV***

To everyone sitting in this reception hall tonight: thank you for being here. I know that my husband and the best man have already thanked you for it, but it cannot be said enough. Having a wedding filled with all of your best friends and relatives truly makes it an even more special event.

Now, you might be wondering “What is she doing up there? Didn’t her husband already speak?” And you’re right: a mother of the bride speech is pretty rare, but the bride and groom asked me to do it, so how could I decline?

Now that I have your attention, there are a few things I want to tell you about my daughter. These are things that probably only her husband, my husband, her [brothers/sisters], and her closest friends truly understand. They’re what I think make her a great person.

Number 1: [Quality of the bride #1.] [Give one story from her childhood and one story from her adult life that illustrates this quality.]

Number 2: [Quality of the bride #2.] [Give one story about her and the groom that illustrates this quality.]

And number 3. [Quality of the bride #3.] [Give one funny or sad story that illustrates this quality.]

And finally, as of today, the other thing which makes her a great person is her husband. He truly is an amazing man who wants nothing but the best for her. I couldn’t be happier that she found him; and that he has her. I love you both.

I’ve said all I wanted to say for now. Let’s close this by toasting to the bride and groom. <Lift glass and wait for others to do so.> To your happiness, success, and love. Cheers!

## ***Mother of the Bride Speech V***

What can I say? I love my daughter. And when she asked me to deliver the “mother of the bride speech,” I had to say yes. Even though they didn’t do mother of the bride speeches in my day. Even though I’d be coming after two other speeches, I still said yes.

And here’s why: [Give charming story about how you wanted to be able to say something important to your daughter and her husband on their wedding day].

Now, for those of you who don’t know, the bride and the groom met in a pretty interesting way. [Tell story about how the bride and groom met].

So, you can see why it is no accident that they are getting married today. They were truly meant for each other.

Now, with that said, I want to use this opportunity to tell each of you about my own marriage—to impart some wisdom on you that has helped me and [name of husband] survive [number of years of marriage] of marriage.

Number 1: Always be patient. At times in your marriage, you will run into difficult situations. You will be frustrated with each other and you will want to give up. But be patient. Your marriage is worth it.

Number 2: Keep the lines of communication open always. Your partner is worth it. No matter how angry you are or no matter how angry she is or he is, it’s worthy it to communicate. Get your point across and hear hers. You’re both reasonable people, so don’t let hot-headedness get the best of you.

Number 3: Never forget why you fell in love in the first place. At times in your marriage, you’ll both be bogged down by your careers and with the kids. Make sure that you never forget that spark that joined you together, no matter how busy you are.

Number 4: [Name of daughter], find new ways to love your husband each day. Don’t look for deficiencies or problems, but look for ways to be happy and to provide love. And [name of groom], make my daughter feel secure and loved always, no matter how angry you two get at each other.

Marriage is truly a partnership. Doing it right and making it work requires compromise, love, and hard work. But when marriage works, few things can match its beauty and the joy it brings.

I wish you both the best in life and in your marriage. May you two love each other more each day; and strive to make your other half happy always.

## ***Mother of the Groom Speech I***

When the bride and groom approached me about doing a “mother of the groom speech,” I wasn’t sure what to say at first. To be honest, I had never heard of such a speech.

But then I thought about it a little. The father of the bride gets to give a speech about his daughter. It only seems fair that I should get to say something about my son and about his beautiful new wife. So, I accepted.

So what can I say to my son on his wedding day? The first thing I want to say is that I love you and that you will always be my little boy. No matter how old you are, I will always remember you playing with Tonka trucks on the floor of the living room.

No matter how successful you are in your career and marriage, I will always remember that innocent boy that you once were. [Tell story about when groom was young].

But I guess I also have to come to grips with reality. I have to accept that you are all grown up; and that you are moving on to create a family of your own. I cannot express how happy and sad this makes me at the same time.

But no matter how hard it seems to give up my son to marriage and adulthood, there’s one thing that will always comfort me: his beautiful bride.

Now, I won’t go into details, but when [name of groom] was still a swinging bachelor, there were some women he dated that I definitely didn’t approve of. It’s no so much that they were bad people, but I just didn’t think they fit what [groom’s name] needed.

But [bride’s name] does. She is truly the perfect match for him; and complements him in so many ways. She is my one comfort; and I cannot thank her enough for taking care of my son.

With that, I will leave you all with a toast. To my son and to his beautiful new bride. May you two always remain happy; and may you love each other more, no matter what challenges you encounter. Cheers!

## ***Mother of the Groom Speech II***

Today is a special day. A beautiful day. It's the day that my son and his beautiful, intelligent, and funny wife are finally wed. For everyone who knows the two—including myself—today couldn't be a happier occasion.

For those of you who don't know me, I'm the mother of the groom. And when I was asked to give this speech, I was a little shocked. I'm a bad public speaker, so the idea of standing in front of a crowd and trying to say something was terrifying.

But then I thought about it a little more. And I realized what a blessing it was to do this. I can stand up here today and say something about my son to all of his friends and family members on his wedding day. So let me tell you three things you should know about my son.

Number 1. [Quality of son.] [Tell story about son when he was growing up that illustrates that quality.]

Number 2. [Quality of son.] [Tell story about when he was a teenager that illustrates quality.]

Number 3. [Quality of son.] [Tell story about when he was an adult that illustrates that quality.]

Now, as much as I love my son; and as great as he is, today isn't about him. It's about his union with his beautiful new wife.

Some mothers say that they love their son's wife simply because they have no choice. But when I say it, I mean it. I think [name of wife] has truly changed his life in many positive ways.

So, to close, I want to say that I love you both. And I hope that your marriage is long, joyful, and filled with amazing experiences. Thanks again for allowing me to do this speech tonight.

## ***Mother of the Groom Speech III***

Today is a special occasion. It is a time in two young people's lives when they finally commit to each other. They decide to be and remain a part of each others' lives, no matter how difficult things get. And no matter how unpleasant things seem at times.

For me, this is an especially important day. It is the day that my son made a lifelong commitment to his wife. And as much as it makes me happy, it also makes me feel dizzy. I feel like a whirlwind of years has blown by, carrying me from my son's birth to my son's wedding in a matter of days.

But enough about me. Today is about the bride and groom. So what can I say about them?

Let me start with when they met. If you haven't already heard the story, [name of bride] and [name of groom] met when [Tell story about how they met. Try to do so in a funny or emotional way.]

And from there, their relationship only grew in depth and intensity. I can remember that in a matter of weeks after my son first told me about [bride's name], she made an appearance at our house for dinner. This was the first time I met her.

And let me tell you, she made a good first impression. She was pretty, polite, compassionate, funny, and intelligent. If you were to hire someone to pretend to be your date for the evening, she'd be the person to pick because she makes you look so much better.

Now, instead of blabbering on, I'm going to close by proposing a toast to you two. To the bride and the groom: may your love endure all the hardships that the future has in store. May your feelings for each other strengthen as the years pass. And may you truly come to know the joy of marriage. Cheers!

## ***Mother of the Groom – Short Toast I***

Well, I didn't get a full speech slot tonight, but the bride and groom were generous enough to permit me an impromptu toast. So I will start by thanking them for that: Thank you.

At first, I was going to lecture my son about marriage. I was going to tell him how he ought to treat his wife. And that he should be incredibly thankful that such a beautiful, loving, and kind individual was willing to marry him.

But then I realized something: he already knows this. And he'll be a great husband. There's nothing I need to tell him.

So, with that, I just want to propose a toast to the groom and to his lovely new wife. I am so happy that you two have found each other and are together. May your love endure life's hardships. And may each of you remain grateful for what you have in your partner. Cheers!

### Mother of the Groom Short Toast II

First, let me thank everyone for coming here tonight. On behalf of the bride and the groom, I can tell you that they wanted to thank each of you individually and will try to do so before the evening is over.

Next, I want to give some advice to my son on his wedding: you've managed to catch a winner. How you did it, I'll never be sure. So don't let her go. Treat her like she's a prize every single day of your life. Tell her how much you love her. And make sure that she always feels comforted and secure.

And to my son's new bride: I love my son; and I love you, too. Please take good care of him. Keep him happy and make him feel loved. You are a wonderful person; and I couldn't be happier to welcome you into our family for good.

Now, with everything said, I propose that we toast the bride and groom. To your marriage, to your health, to your success in life, and to your commitment to each other and to the marriage. Cheers!

## Conclusion

In this book, we've covered 10 different templates that you can use to craft your mother of the bride or mother of the groom speech. If you're someone who isn't big on writing, you don't need to change much. All you need to do is insert some anecdotes and change the names.

On the other hand, if you do feel comfortable writing and editing speeches, then you may want to customize the template you select more thoroughly. For instance, you might consider changing the mood, so that it matches your style a little bit better. Alternatively, you could consider adding jokes or removing them if necessary.

And again, as I emphasized in the introduction, rehearsal is the final and most important step in any speech preparation process. So don't stop after you've got a clean, well-written speech. Put the time in to practice and memorize your speech. When the big day comes, you'll be glad you did.