Ladies and Gentleman,

It is truly an honour to be recognized as the father of the dazzling groom who is standing beside her beautiful bride today. Looking at my son and seeing that genuine glow of happiness in his eyes, I can't help but feel a little emotional and teary eyed, as you can see.

Fathers they say do not show as much emotion as mothers do, but I guess that statement can sometimes be unfitting on occasions such as this. As I look back at how excited I was when my lovely wife Rose gave birth to our son, Tim – all I could think about then was "I hope I can give this boy the most wonderful life he can ever have".

And now, standing here today with all of you, it makes me feel proud to see the kind of man that he grew up to be. Frankly, looking at my son today, I find hard to believe that he was the same boy who wouldn't wash behind his ears at bath time. He was more interested in catching bugs and playing baseball than that. Well, as they say 'Boys will be boys".

Surely Tim, you have grown up to be a wonderful man. And I guess I am biased because I'm your dad. But truly, I am ever so proud of you. And my happiness is doubled knowing that my son has found the woman whom he can share all his life and all his love with.

To Jane, you are a one special woman and I speak on behalf of the whole family when I say that we welcome you to our family with open arms and hearts. We feel that you are a blessing in Tim's life and therefore, a blessing to our family as well.

We feel privileged to be part of your Wedding Day. Having been married for 50 years, I think I can give a few hints. First, always let the wife win at arguments. Second, never let your wife to feel like she's only second best. And third, make each day like the first day after your wedding day.

Tim and Jane, continue to love one another and to be a blessing to each other. Let each day of your lives be filled with sweet memories of this most memorable day.

All my best wishes and prayers! I love you both!

Ladies and Gentleman,

It is a privilege to be speaking in front of you all today, but we all know that this day truly belongs to the beautiful couple, so I'm going to make my speech fairly short and meaningful. My lovely wife Rose has been reminding me all week not to beat around the bushes when I deliver this speech. I guess you can say that after 50 years of being married to me, she knows how much I love story telling. Well, now, there I go again.

Before I start I would really like to thank Jane's parents, Amanda and Mathew for bringing up such a wonderful daughter Jane and for making her the person that she is. Also a special thank you for organizing everything so very well today. This is what has made today's special day even more special.

To Tim, my son- you know how much I am proud of you and all your triumphs. Since you were boy, I didn't have any doubt in your strengths. I've always known that you are going to be the wonderful man that you are. And for a Father, seeing his son being the achiever that he is- well, that's just really something special.

Today however, I am truly most happy because I can see that you have found true love and in this world, true love can be one of the most beautiful things that man can have. I am happy that you will be starting a new phase of your life with this lovely woman beside you. Jane, thank you for being that love in my son's life.

Seeing you both in this solemn occasion, I can't help but look back on my own wedding day. And son, what I am most happy about is that I know, you will be able to experience all the joy and love that I have experienced with your mother. Despite all the challenges and the problems and the occasional misunderstandings, I can say that we have been filled most of all, with joy and love. And that's the most important thing of all.

I guess we could say that both of us were the lucky ones who have found true love. And in this world, that's really something. So my wish for both of you is to continue the kind of love that you two have started. Today is only the beginning.

Tim, take good care of Jane. And Jane, with all our hearts, we warmly welcome you to our family. God bless you both.

Ladies and Gentleman,

It is truly a blessed day for all of us. We are here to rejoice and to witness the love of my son, Tim and my daughter-in-law, Jane. Seeing both of them beaming with love and joy, makes me feel really proud that I am the father of the groom in this wedding. And I must say, weddings do bring back a lot of good, good memories.

I remember being the excited father that I was in the delivery room when my lovely wife gave birth to our eldest son. And holding him for the first time was really a big moment for me. I was thinking to myself, "This boy is going to be a good man". And I was right. Tim proved to be a good son to us, a good brother to his sisters and now there is not a least doubt in my heart that he is going to be a really good husband to Jane.

To Jane, I know I speak on behalf of the whole family when I say that we are happy for Tim because finally, after quite a long time of searching, he has found the true love of his life. We have been badgering him about settling down for quite some time now, have we? His sisters used to say, "Oh Tim, you are so picky". But I guess, a son does get after the father.

Since Tim met you he only has wonderful things to say about you. We feel that you are a blessing in Tim's life and for that we are grateful to you. And your mother and I, we are happy to be gaining another lovely daughter in our family. And we are so happy that our girls get along well, too.

When you two were standing under the gazebo and speaking your vows, I can't help but remember my own wedding. It was a magical feeling, enchanting, really a bliss. And so, you got to believe me when I say here, that I know how happy you two must feel.

My prayer and wish for both of you is to always keep in your hearts this day of happiness, this day of love. As you go through the challenges of marriage, may that love see you through in all the years to come! The family loves both of you.

Ladies and Gentleman,

I think I speak on behalf of every Father when I say that to see your son on his wedding day and to be giving your blessing to the marriage is a most special thing for a Father. I am truly honoured to say that, "that dazzling groom over there is my Son and that beautiful bride beside him, is my daughter-in-law."

Tim, you may not hear me say it a lot but I know that you do know in your heart that I am proud to be your father. You are my only son, and you are like me in so many ways. And I'd like to think and I hope that you are as proud as I am to be my son as well. Seeing you today, so happy and filled with love, I know that you'll be much stronger and a much better man than you already are, now that you've found a lifetime partner.

Jane, we can see that your parents have made such a wonderful job in raising a wonderful daughter. We thank you for bringing more joy and more love in our son's life. We are truly grateful that both of you have found each other. And we are happy that the love in our family is bound to grow bigger as you two start your own family as well.

If there's one secret to a successful marriage that your mother and I can share with you, that is...continue to cherish one another, nurture the love in each of you as every single day passes. Tim, don't let a day pass without telling Jane or showing her how much she means to you.

Rest assured that we are here to support you all the way through. As you embark in your journey to the marriage life, we wish you all the happiness and love. But if there's anything that you need from us, we are here. We are one family. We love you both!

Ladies and Gentleman,

This is the first wedding where I have to speak in front of everyone as the father of the groom. And for the first time, I am beginning to understand how my father felt back on our own wedding day. Today, I am filled with nostalgia and quite mixed emotions and I never expected that it was going to be an emotional experience.

I remember the time of my wedding day and I was at bliss. So I know that my son, must be feeling that same kind of bliss that I felt and for that I am happy for him. I also can't help but remember Tim's childhood days. I'm sorry Tim, I know you did say to leave out the gooey details on my speech but I guess I'm going to have to reveal some gooey stuff.

There was this time when Tim went home in tears, with his school uniform soaked with mud and blisters on his knees. He went straight to hug his mother and his mother said, "What happened Tim, have you been in a fight?" Tim said, "No, I was trying to save the poor lizard from drowning but I fell from the rocks". You were sobbing Tim and you turned to me and said, "Dad, can we go back there and save him? He's still alive!" And so we did give the poor lizard a hand and as we walked back home, Tim was all smiles despite the blisters.

That one incident tells you a lot about Tim's character but that was just one of the many memories that I will always fondly remember about my son. As he grows up, he showed such maturity and genuine concern for other people. Even as a child, he has always been filled with zest for life and love for people. And that's what I admire most about my son.

As for Jane, her family lives in the neighbourhood and I've seen her grow up from a lovely girl who collects frogs and butterflies into a beautiful, strong, and smart woman. And truly, somehow we knew that the time will come when Jane will officially be a member of our family, as Tim's wife. Thank you Jane for being that blessing in Tim's life.

So you see, I am confident, I know that this marriage is going to be a blissful one, no matter what trials they face as a couple. Your mother and I as well as Jane's parents will always be there to give you all the support you need. Continue to love one another, cherish one another, and continue to be a blessing to one another. Let us share a toast to the newlyweds!

Ladies and gentlemen,

Transformation is a great thing. Life is a constant change and as far as I can see, my son, Tim, and his bride, Jane have transformed from a care free couple into serious individuals committed to love each other forever and a day.

My son always had a devil may care attitude towards life, but I saw him change his ways when he met his beautiful bride. And why not, Jane is someone very special to him. You have been together for a long time and I'm glad that both of you took up the responsibility to take your relationship to the next level. I have to tell you both that the next level is not like a level in a video game. It's much more complicated than that. You need love, respect, and most of all patience.

I would like to thank Jane's parents for being here today. I can see that you are very gracious folks, and I am very proud to welcome you to my extended clan. I know that you brought up Jane to become the intelligent, gentle, and beautiful woman that she is now. I'm sure my son is thankful for that.

I am also thankful to Jane for loving my son dearly. His mother would disagree, but I know that Tim is not perfect in every way. I know my son and I know that he is capable of loving tremendously. This he did for Jane. I can say that both of you are very lucky to have each other. I hope that you produce a lot of beautiful and healthy children for us grandparents to play with.

This wedding is a special day. A commemoration and a proof of your love for each other. Remember that being married is not all bliss. A real marriage is challenging but rewarding. Know each other's down time and help each other during trouble. Do not let impediments decrease your love for each other. After all, "love is not love which alters when alteration finds, or bends with the remover to remove."

"Love is an ever fixed mark that looks on tempest and is never shaken."

I only see happy faces in this room. I see moist eyes – a sure sign of happiness and not sorrow. Happiness – that is all I wish for Tim and Jane. I see you supporting each other through thick and thin. Here's to your golden wedding day.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I can see happy faces all around this glorious day. Your wedding has certainly given me a reason to showcase my speech delivery capabilities. No, just joking. I actually need to use my notes here so as not to sound like a drunk hobo.

First of all I have to thank Jane's parents for being here and organizing such a wonderful wedding. Seriously, Amanda, Mathew, I'm glad that you lend Tim and Jane moral support and just give them all your love in general.

Tim I'm glad how fast you have matured since being with Jane. I'm sure that Jane has more to do with your maturity – more than you think. It's hard to believe that my son who few years ago was still playing video games is now a man willing to take responsibility and commitment. Jane, I thank you for taking care of my son, and I know that Tim is taking care of you as well.

Remember marriage is about love, respect, and patience. Love is not just about the good times and the easy times. With your pure love for each other, I know that you can get past any problems that you may encounter.

Problems often break couples up if they don't have a deeper and stronger foundation of love. When you look at each other, I see in your eyes how you love and adore each other. The two of you remind me so much of me and your mother. We have a strong foundation and look at us now, we are still together, and stronger than ever. I see you two will get a stronger bond as long as you have love and respect for each other.

My advice to Tim, always say yes when Jane asks you to do something. Jane, always say yes when Tim wants intimacy. Marriage is a give and take proposition. It is more than just symbioses. Marriage is a gift from God. Marriage is commitment and responsibility. I can see that both of you will do well in your married life. Both of you are mature beyond your years. I know that the people here will agree.

I better shut up now before I tell embarrassing stories about Tim. So, again, congratulations to the newlyweds. May your love illuminate the world.

Ladies and gentlemen,

This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad on this day. Wow! What a wonderful day it is to have a wedding. As the father of the groom, I feel that I have accomplished a milestone, although I did not really do anything. As father of Tim, and now his lovely wife, Jane, I feel exhilarated and rejuvenated. I can't begin to express how happy I am.

I do not want to be too emotional because that would be embarrassing. Please allow me to look at my card here so I won't fumble this speech. Don't worry, this will just be a brief toast to the newlyweds – if only I can stop rambling.

First of all I would like to thank everyone here for attending this precious day. I would like to thank Jane's parents, Amanda and Mathew, for being the pillar of strength in this occasion. Without you, my son would never have met such a beautiful and talented woman in Jane.

Tim has always been a very reliable young man. I know that he will take care of Jane. And I know that Jane will take care of Tim. Just look at the two of you, such a beautiful couple and such a compatible pair. When you look in each other's eyes, everyone can see the love and electricity of your devotion to each other.

Today is the start of the rest of your lives, Jane and Tim. You are now married and hopefully soon you will bear children that you will be responsible for. Married life is full of challenges and rewards. Trials are common in marriage. It is actually the norm rather than the exception. The best advice I can give you during times of trouble is to never forget the qualities for which you have chosen each other. Believe me everything else will fall in place.

Respect each other always. This is the hardest part in any relationship. Love can keep you alive, but respect will make you happier together. Never say anything to each other that you will regret later on. You should not say anything in a fit of anger. Wait until you have cooled down, then you can talk heart to heart. Communicate clearly and with honesty.

I can go on and on but surely I don't want you all to get bored and start yawning!

Congratulations to the newlyweds. May you bask in love and respect forever and ever.

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you very much for being here today.

I would like to give a special mention to the family of Jane. Thank you all for being here and giving all your support to the wedding.

Please allow me to read my card to make this moment perfect. I know that as father of the groom, I'm more of an ornament than anything else. Regardless, I want to give a hearty congratulations to the newlyweds. What a wonderful couple you are.

My son, Tim has never been happier in his life until he met Jane. I can see how Jane is a perfect partner for Tim. Jane is sweet, charming, and gentle. A woman wise beyond her years. She complements Tim very well. I have seen Tim do the best he can in work and in life just to become worthy of such a woman.

Great job, son. I am so proud of you for your achievements.

Tim and Jane, I know that you are basking in the happiness of your wedding, but allow me to be serious for a moment. No, I'm not going to tell embarrassing stories about Tim. I just want to give you both some advice that I have learned through the years.

When I look at both of you, it reminds me of my own youth being wed to Rose. We were very young and optimistic about a lot of things in this world. As a married couple, Tim you know this, your mother and I also had problems. It's no big deal. In fact, expect problems during your married life. It's a fact of life no matter where you look in the world. The most important thing to remember when facing problems is humor and positivity. When you can laugh at yourself some things will just seem lighter. If you are positive you will trudge on no matter what the impediments are. Always remember the qualities for which you chose each other and remember that you two make a great team together and have all the strength and intelligence to take on any trouble in life.

I know that you will care and grow together in peace and harmony. Both of you should work hard to make your marriage work. Marriage is a big responsibility but

it is also very rewarding. Suffice it to say, your life will never be the same again. I know that you will be happier and fulfilled. From my mouth to God's ears.

Congratulations, Tim and Jane. Always remember we are here to love and support both of you.

Good day, everyone. Thank you for being here to share such a joyous event in the life of Tim and Jane. A special thanks goes out to the parents of Jane, Amanda and Mathew, for being here and organizing the day in such a wonderful manner.

I would also like to thank them both for giving me this honour to say a few words. Let me just get my notes so I can do this without sounding like a stuttering fool.

Okay, here we are. First of all, I want everyone to know how happy me and my wife Rose are for this amazing occasion. My son Tim has definitely achieved a milestone in his life. I thank Jane for being so loving and understanding towards Tim. I know that Tim can be hard headed at times, but believe me when I say that he loves you more than life itself.

Tim was a bit immature before he met Jane. I can't thank Jane enough for changing Tim to the way he is now – a man of courage, integrity, and responsibility. I know that Jane will take care of Tim, so I want to assure Jane that Tim will also take care of you through thick and thin. Tim is a very passionate man ever since he was young. He is head strong and resourceful, I know that he can give both of you a good life.

Jane, I have known you for a few years now. I am so proud of my son for marrying you. You are such a good person, a ray of sunshine in anyone's life. You are really a great match for each other. I have never seen such a beautiful and complementary couple. I am privileged to call you my daughter.

Tim and Jane, I love you both. Don't forget that we are here to help and support you no matter what. Jane, I am now your father. I promise to protect you and help you in anyway I can – as long as it does not involve money.

Just kidding.

Seriously, both of you are welcome to ask for our help anytime.

Marriage is such a beautiful thing. I believe in both of you to love and respect each other forever. You two are both mature and ready for a lifetime commitment. I can see it in your eyes. The embers of love are glowing in both of you.

Before I get too choked up, I need to end this speech by saying congratulations. Live a happy life together and be ready for a challenging and rewarding life.

Cheers!

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