WEDDING TOAST SPEECH

FOR

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Hello everyone!! It’s so wonderful to be here and to see all of you!!! (**If you are doing the talking you can say this, or you can say “We”**). Bruce and I are so happy for Yukilynn and David and we are thrilled to welcome our new daughter to our family. Weddings are a time of joy, connection and reinforcement of the importance of love, family, friends and relationships and to see so many of you that have traveled from near and far to be with us is such a joy. We’re so happy to see \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who join us all the way from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Ireland and let’s face it, with so many states represented-from South Carolina to Michigan and Tennessee, from Wisconsin to Colorado to New Mexico and right here in sunny California, we probably have enough delegates to organize our very own convention-except there’d be nothing to debate-these two make a gorgeous, happy, loving couple and I am **SURE** we **all** agree on that!!!! For the better part of the past thirty-three years, we have waited and wondered, “What will it be like when David finds his wife? What will she be like?... and before we break into a chorus of “Que Sera” …. Don’t worry-we won’t!! Even **IF** there are Doris Day fans that **might** remember… I just want you to know, Yukilynn, you have exceeded our wildest predictions and we are thrilled to see our family grow with you, your Mom and Dad, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and your three hysterical and as yet “not quite discovered by YouTube sisters, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!!

Yukilynn, when you first met David, you may not have realized that he lives his life according to the words of Helen Keller-actually, he probably didn’t realize it either. She was known for teaching, “Life is either a daring **adventure**-or it is nothing.” Well…. I guess you got the “**Daring Adventure** memo!! (**Wait for the laugh**). We know it’s been said that love is blind, but did we also know that- lucky for you-Cupid’s arrow was dipped in anesthesia??? It would have to be to keep up with David!! (**Wait for the laugh**). We know that meeting David and joining him to share life’s **adventures**…. **really**… has opened whole new worlds for you… while ironically providing you with closure…. of the footwear kind!! Here you were, a free-spirited, flip flop clad, California girl lovin’ the sun and the fun and the wind whipping through your hair, the sand getting stuck between your toes, and wouldn’t you just know… Sasquatch… all right… we’re prejudiced-just a little… a very cute, talented, and loveable Sasquatch, comes along and sweeps you off your feet!! You’ve proven your love for David time and time again… between the waterskiing “up north” to swimming in freezing waters… from mosquito attacks to “duck itch….” that’s fine… we don’t need details (**Put your hand up and wait for the laugh)** and most of all your heroism in braving -25 degree below zero weather to ice skate with that (**if you don’t think it’s too much you can say**) **~~maniac~~**-I mean wonderful son of ours, you have also won our hearts and we couldn’t be happier or more proud of the two of you.

David and Yukilynn, you have embarked on the adventure of a lifetime. It’s a beautiful thing to witness how the two of you blend heritages and culture, habits and passions, and you inspire us… much the same as another “explorer of life” and adventurer Daniel Boone when he said, “I have never been lost but I admit to being confused for a few weeks.” (**Wait for the laugh**). Now you have each other to hold the light and guide the other through whatever hills and challenges you face… because you two are a great team.

We would like to invite everyone to raise a glass as we propose a toast:

To David and Yukilynn, another renowned explorer once advised, “Good days are to be gathered like grapes … to be bottled into wine and kept for age to sip at ease by the fire…The ruby moments glow in your glass at will.” Here’s to the beautiful wine, the long, happy, healthy life, and glowing memories you will make together!! Congratulations!! We love you!