**14486, Paul Kagan**

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

Tonight we are here to celebrate the upcoming wedding of my son Calvin and his beautiful bride Amanda Peel. I want to thank everyone for being here tonight to share in this joyous occasion, especially those of you who have traveled from all over the world to be with us. We’re especially glad to see Amanda’s parents, Marc and Kim, and her sister Kelly. We’ve come to know and love them all this past year. They are now a new branch of our family and we look forward to seeing them whenever possible.

We are so proud of Calvin and Amanda. They are both very intelligent, as well as very accomplished. They met at Pomona College, then went on to study a semester abroad at Oxford University. After that they went on to Medical School at the University of Vermont and will now be starting their residency program at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. It seems ever since they met they have been inseparable. We’ve known for some time that they would marry. We’ve actually been wondering what took them so long.

I’ll never forget when I first met Amanda when I visited them in England at Oxford. Calvin has always been very outgoing and fun loving so I knew that Amanda would share some of those attributes. She is indeed both fun and friendly but she is a little more reserved. I think she provides Calvin the perfect balance. College in general is hard work but medical school requires both diligence and motivation, something that both of them have in abundance.

We are very happy and proud for Calvin and Amanda and we’d like to take this occasion to officially welcome her into our family. We look forward to the coming years as Amanda adds her own unique blend of personality to our familial mix. We’re also thrilled to see the changes that knowing Amanda have brought to Calvin. He was always very focused and knew what he wanted out of life. Having those plans and goals to share with Amanda have brought out those qualities stronger than ever. She’s also affected him in ways to temper his outgoing personality just a touch so that he knows better now when there is a time to be more reserved. Basically, she is helping to mature and grow our Calvin.

I’d like to ask everyone now to join me in a toast to the happy couple.

Calvin and Amanda,

May your life that begins tomorrow be overwhelmed with joy and happiness

May you always remember how much you are in love today

May you always remember how your love began and grew during your earlier school days

May you always remember how you were able to overcome any challenge to your love

May your life together grow sweeter and sweeter as the days go by

May your love grow stronger with each passing year

And may you always remember that you have family standing with you no matter what life brings your way

To Calvin and Amanda