FATHER OF THE GROOM SPEECH

FOR

MASSOUD DJABBARI

Hi everyone!!! It’s wonderful being here with all of you tonight on the eve of Saman and Lindsey’s wedding. Everyone who’s ANYONE that has ANYTHING to do with this gorgeous, happy couple is here and the atmosphere is filled with love and joy and eager anticipation. There’s only **ONE** problem that I can see… or **not** see as the case may be… a key element is missing… I heard through his “people” at the last minute that our distinguished ring bearer, Rutherford, chose to opt out tonight… apparently he booked a kibble dust facial and massage at the W Hollywood just to make extra sure he’s rested, refreshed, and ready for his close up tomorrow!! (**Wait for the laugh…** ) …Like he doesn’t already get enough attention!! He might play hard to get sometimes but he knows, as do all of us, that wedding time is the time to shine!! (**Writer’s note: I found the couple’s wedding website and Rutherford is adorable!!**)

Rutherford is definitely here in spirit as we all get to know each other better. It’s so wonderful to realize that our families and friends will simultaneously grow and bond thanks to the love that Saman and Lindsey share.

Saman, I’m proud to be your father and I’m happy to share you with Lindsey’s family and friends. Now you can go beat (**Name Lindsey’s father and brother, sister or close friends**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at tennis and apologize to **THEM** for winning!! (**Wait for the laugh**). Yes, that’s the kind of son we (**Do you feel more comfortable saying “I”?**) raised…. passionate about sports, skilled as an athlete… **apologetic** when he wins! Saman, you’re as much of a winner at tennis as you are in life and I love you for it!! You are my legacy in so many ways… **GO Trojans**!! I look forward to future generations of Djabbari’s proudly wearing Cardinal and Gold… (**You can add if you want**) and fortunately I hear they’re also “Rutherford’s “signature colors!” You’re a gentleman and a scholar, a student of modern culture and a young man who is in love with life and Lindsey. I have a feeling the diplomacy you demonstrate in sports and in business will serve you well in your marriage…

(**Name Lindsey’s parents**) To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , thank you for raising such a wonderful daughter… well actually two… Here’s to Alli for doing such a wonderful job as our “accidental Cupid.” (**If Lindsey has any other brothers or sisters or special family member you want to mention, name them as well**). We (**would you rather say “I?”)** also look forward to sharing family times with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It’s so exciting to imagine how we’ve all grown together.

Lindsey, I am thrilled to call you “daughter.” Thank you for making my son one of the happiest people I know. Your combined passion for life and each other inspires all of us to believe in love, family and friendship.

To all of my new friends and family, (**Do you want to mention your wife and children if you have others? Thinks of how you can handle this diplomatically, but if you have other children I think they should be mentioned. You can say**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I look forward to many special moments to come that we will share… (**If you want to make a toast you can say**) I’d like to invite all of you to raise a glass in honor of our bride and groom, and **all of us**. Here’s to creating new beginnings and cherished reminiscences, and to building a new dynasty of Manning’s and Djabbari’s! Thank you all!