**MOTHER OF THE BRIDE SPEECH**

**FOR**

**EDLINE TAMAKLOE**

Hello everyone!! Today is a wonderful day for our family as we celebrate the marriage of my daughter (**If you are married and your daughter's father is at the wedding, perhaps you should say "our daughter"**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. There's so much to take in.... happiness.... pride..... so many good wishes and kind expressions from all of you.... and don't forget the excitement to welcome a new member to our family.... but most of all I have to say that love and honor are the words that come to me as I stand in front of all of you on this very special occasion.

I know I don't have to say a lot about how unique and special the mother/daughter bond is..... so much is written about this relationship... there are so many thoughts and opinions, and everyone has something to say about what their mother means to them or what their children mean to them, but I have to say that I find that being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_'s mother has been a life changing experience for me.... one in which I have learned from every day. Each day since her birth, I saw, heard, and sensed what true, unconditional love is.... I learned what caring for someone so much.... even more than your own self, influences your entire life.... and what watching your little baby girl blossom into a beautiful, confident, assured, married woman makes life itself worthwhile.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was born when I was rather young so we've known each other for quite some time!! (**wait for the laugh**). In many ways, and mostly because I was so young, we really grew up together. I once heard someone say that good daughters make good mothers. I hope I was as good a daughter to my mother as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is to me.... and although today is just the beginning.... truly the first day of the rest of her life as a married woman and hopefully, when the time is right, as a mother, she has been an exceptional daughter. I've thought about this a lot over the past several months as we prepared for this day. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has always been a very special child... daughter.... and person. Don't let her quiet ways fool you! Inside is a soul that is respectful, intelligent, and caring. And although she may seem very quiet, Take some advice from her mother...... put \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a situation in which there is the chance of debate.... of opinions being heard....principles being discussed, and make **NO MISTAKE**.... our quiet lady becomes a **SUPER-HEROINE**!!! She voices her opinions like they're **BOMBSHELLS** so **WATCH OUT!!!** While others are talking just to talk.....\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ waits and watches..... she picks her spots and shakes up the atmosphere.... the discussion... and everyone in her path!

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has become a marvelous young woman. Sometimes I look at her and I cannot believe how proud I am of this very special person. If I had to go back in time, I would choose to have her again and again and again.... I learn from her every day.... whether she is aware of that or not....and as I learn from this beautiful girl, I count my blessings and keep observing.... waiting for the next lessons to be learned from this gift that has blessed me (**us?**)

(**Mention Groom's name**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, thank you for loving and respecting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as you do. Every day I pray that God watches over and blesses my family and those I love, and now you, (**groom**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are in my prayers as well. You have exchanged vows with the most precious gift I can imagine and for the both of you I wish you love, health, happiness, prosperity, and respect. May God watch over you and keep you both safe and secure.

(**Name your daughter**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I know you will be a wonderful wife, and I only pray that when the time is right, that someday you feel the same pride, joy, and complete love that I feel for you today. The beauty of life is in the full circles God creates..... from mother to daughter to mother and back to daughter. Thank you for being my legacy. I love you!