**WEDDING SPEECH**

**FOR**

**TIA REYNOLDS**

Hello everyone!!! I’m so happy to be here to celebrate the wedding of my great friend, Tina, to her wonderful, handsome, **HUSBAND**, Eddie. Tina, you look beautiful and radiant and happier than I have ever seen you. I know it’s kind of soon to be saying this, but.... married life agrees with you!!! (**Wait for the laugh**). Tina, you and Eddie have dreamed of and planned and anticipated this day for quite a while now, and the time has finally come to enjoy these precious moments as you take in all of the joy that surrounds you and anticipate your life together. It’s so heartwarming to see that when two really fine people get together, wishes **CAN** come true... especially if you manage to get everything on your Zola wedding registry!! ... I’ll let you know if I need to borrow either of those blenders or that set of luggage!!! ... Kidding!!! (**Wait for the laugh**)

Tina, you and I go back.... to Montgomery Community College in Takoma Park. We went there to build and strengthen our foundations. We went there to study and learn so that we would be able to find our way in life.... we went there..... oh....**OKAY**... we went there for the **basketball**!!!! (**Wait for the laugh**). Boy, did we have fun... and when friendships are formed at a young age, just like ours was, those friendships are meaningful in special ways and they tend to last. No matter the time and distance that separate true friends, we **know** each other. We’re a **team**. Back then... and it wasn’t so long ago... there may have been.... and still are, seven days in the week, but the one that meant the most to us... the one that caught our attention, was **FRIDAY**... that’s **Friday’s** to you!!! There was **NOTHING** like having a good game of basketball... burning up the courts.... hopefully winning... and then having a celebration... or consolation meal at that classic, historic **potato palace**... we truly believed that nothing said, “Put me in coach” like some nourishing, savory mouthfuls of (**Name your standard go to menu items... the greasier and more outrageous, the better!**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(and wait for the laugh**). ... But we were young... and athletic... and we’re more than willing and able to work off those wings (**or whatever you had**) in the name of the team. Our coach, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ named us “T-Square” and we really were the “dynamic duo.”

Tina, everything happens for a reason. We live our lives and follow our paths and if we’re very, very lucky, we meet people that matter. I know that’s the case with you, and although life has conspired to pull us in different directions, we will always be connected.... we will each be a part of that strong, balanced, T-square. We may have come together for the basketball, but I definitely stayed for the friendship. Even back then, you were thoughtful, selfless, and more willing to see that others were okay before you took care of your own self and well being.... and what makes you so special is that with all of that compassion comes a wonderful, goofy, silly, free-spirited person that truly knows how to have a good time.... (**If you want to make a joke you can say**) ... just make sure you don’t try to have **TOO MUCH** fun when you’re tending patients and handling that nitrous oxide!!! (**And wait for the laugh**).

... And now you and Eddie are beginning the journey of a lifetime... together. It’s wonderful to see how the two of you really fit... you click and what lies ahead will only be that much richer, more satisfying, and more meaningful because you will share this journey.... every day of your lives... and not just on... or **AT** Friday’s!!! ( **Wait for the laugh**)

Ladies and gentlemen, I’d like to invite you all to raise a glass as I propose a toast to our bride and groom:

About basketball, someone once said, “One life. One Love. One game.” Those are wise words, and of course they don’t just apply to sport. To Tina and Eddie, may your one life together bring you more than you’ve ever wished for. Here’s to a lifetime of health, happiness, prosperity, partnership, communication, humor, and teamwork.... (**If you want, you can add...**) just try not to **dribble** too much!!! (**And wait for the laugh**). Congratulations!!!