**BIRTHDAY SPEECH**

**FOR**

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Hello everyone... what an honor to be here with all of you... you **KNOW**...at **MY** age, it’s an honor to be **ANYWHERE**!. ... Shakespeare warned, “Brevity is the soul of wit.” Allow me to be **very** witty... and **very** brief...

I know “they” say that as people get older, they tend to get more fussy... particular... difficult... choosy.... **ME**? I started **ages** ago!!! Why wait a lifetime to miss out on all the fun of annoying people? I narrow my choices... I focus. I’ve been accused of having limited appetites. I believe in moderation... that reminds me of the Ancient Roman who walked into a bar and asked for a **MARTINUS**... the bartender looked puzzled.. “you mean **MARTINI**, Sir?” “No he replied. If I wanted a **double** I would have asked for it!.”

My essence is found in the words of Oscar Wilde... “I have the simplest tastes. I am always satisfied with the best.” I’m a lifelong “essentialist,” and my tastes are narrow... which perplexes my wife, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but hey, I chose **HER**!! I think of how my perspective has changed and the absurdity of modern culture... I try to laugh at the humor in sports... but all I can do is dribble. My trainer used to time me with a stop watch. Now he uses an entire calendar. I look for the irony in popular culture... but everything is synthetic and wrinkle free. When I do attempt a culinary adventure, I keep it simple. I imagined by now toasters would be waterproof... when I found out they **STILL** aren’t, I was **shocked**. I try to embrace the more modern aspects of finance, but honestly, to me Bitcoin is just **cryptic** currency.” ... I’ve tried to like new things, but most of all, I treasure the traditional... the ties that bind. I love the friendships that feed my soul, and the gifts in life that nourish. I stand here with gratitude and although I may be a picky eater, I **savor** every moment with each one of you! Thank you for your good wishes... let’s celebrate and don’t make me eat my words!