**BEST MAN SPEECH**

**FOR**

**JAMES FAIR**

Hello everyone! For those of you that may not know, I am James and I am very honored to have the privilege to stand up as best man for my great friend, my brother, my true and genuine, **BRO**, Eddie. When there are so many ways that people discover and form connections to certain people, it becomes very clear that those connections are real, genuine, and will last a lifetime.... and then, there’s Eddie.... (**Wait for the laugh**). I’m **KIDDING**... Eddie is the kind of guy who gladly gives his all to those around him and to have this opportunity to give to him is a real special treat.... so.... once I get the formalities out of the way, it will be my pleasure to share my **deep thoughts**.... getting **nervous**, Ed???? (**Wait for the laugh**)

(**I think it would be nice to congratulate the parents ... if living and there, especially Ed’s since you’re so close to the family**). To Eddie’s parents, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you **KNOW** how I feel about your family and your son... and come to think of it, your daughter as well, who happens to be the love of my life, Athena. I wish you the most sincere and overflowing congratulations on the marriage of Eddie and Denise. I could not be happier that **OUR** family has grown to officially include such a wonderful daughter and sister.... and I say this on **ONE** condition... that I will remain the **GOOD** “child-in-law...” Sorry Denise... **TENURE**!! (**Wait for the laugh**). To Denise’s parents, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Athena and I want to wish you our sincerest congratulations too. Denise means so much to all of us, and the way that she and Eddie “fit” and compliment each other lets us know that these two “crazy kids”really are made for each other.... (**will the children be there? If so, you can say**)... and speaking of “two crazy... **ADORABLE** kids,” what better confirmation of the love between these two than the precious Cassidy, who just so happens to be my goddaughter... aren’t I blessed? And the adorable Emmerie. Children are our reflection and our hope for the future.... Ed and Denise... you did good!

The early “aughts” were a time for a young person like me to take a look around at life, think about what I wanted that life to look like, and wonder what I “**OUGHT**” to be doing... almost like pulling straws, I wound up at Best Buy.... not because I have a thing for blue polo shirts and endless electronics.... but somehow...some way... I was there for a reason... I thought... my destiny... **BEST BUY?? REALLY???** (**Wait for the laugh**). But there was this other guy.... and we agreed to go out to the local tavern... known as “Devin’s Deuce,” and when we both came to the conclusion that it was more nourishing... therapeutic... efficient... to skip glasses and go straight to **PITCHERS of beer**, we had a feeling we were onto something... when the rest of our co-workers finally showed up, Eddie and I started a game of darts. Our connection was sealed when we left **EVERYONE** in the dust. With our darts... I mean **HEARTS** filled with victory and our thirsts quenched from beer, we knew that **THIS** night was the start of a wonderful **BROMANCE**... After that, we hung out all the time together, and Eddie generously included me in all family get togethers... and whether it was Christmas Eve or a birthday party for him, a cousin, a grandmother.... I was counted in.... which was a really **GOOD** thing, because as I said earlier, I just so happened to have fallen in love with his sister....

Eddie is a rare and special soul... he’s the life of the party... **ESPECIALLY THIS ONE**!!! He selflessly gives to and protects others... as we know by his service in the 82nd Airborne Division in the US Army, his career as a firefighter for the Lackawanna Fire Department, and of course through his devotion to his family....and especially Denise, Cassidy, Emmerie, Ryleigh, and Braden.... **BOY** are **WE** all lucky!!

And wasn’t it also lucky that two great young people, namely Eddie and Denise, both decided to attend Buffalo State College at pretty much the same time.... I think Eddie has proven his talent for being in the right place at the right time.... and may that great timing continue and watch over him throughout his life!! These two hit it off right away, it was obvious that they were great for each other, and as soon as we, his friends and family got to know Denise, we quickly saw what they saw in each other... Denise is thoughtful, caring, funny... and even manages to laugh at Eddie’s jokes... in other words, she’s a **KEEPER**!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

Denise and Eddie, I know you two have been together for quite some time, but today signifies a new and official milestone... you’re husband and wife, and with that come all of your hopes and dreams for your future and that of your family, as well as all of our love and good wishes for you.

I’d like to invite you all to raise a glass as I propose a toast (**Do you think it would be funny or appropriate if you take out 2 pitchers of beer... one for you and one for Eddie, pass it to him and say**) ... except Eddie... for old time’s sake... (**hand him the pitcher of beer and wait for the laugh**).

To Denise and Eddie.... Here’s to a life filled to the brim with love and health, family and friends, laughter, partnership, and more happiness than either of you would ever wish for. Congratulations! We love you! Thank you all!