**MAID OF HONOR SPEECH**

**FOR**

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Hello everyone!!! For those of you that may not know me, just ask Nana Mary.... (**Wait for the laugh**).... actually, I’m Chelsea... Nana Mary’s was the place where Meg and I first met... and while that might sound like an old time diner or a down home funky dive bar, it was actually our **babysitter**... yes... that’s how far back Meg and I go with each other... We were thrown together for after school play (**or revise to whatever it was that you were there for**)... and here we are... **TWENTY** years later... still laughing... still cheering each other on.... still loving life together... although I have to admit, we’re a little neater with our eating habits now and our tastes have gotten a little more refined since the days of grilled cheese and a juice box... (**or name the snack you’d have at Nana Mary and Wait for the laugh**) .... I mean... look at this beautiful place.... with the stunning flowers and delicious food... Meg... we’ve come a long way, baby!!! (**Wait for the laugh**). I am really happy and thrilled that we have maintained our great friendship for all these years and I am even happier, to be Meg’s Maid of Honor. .... Meg, I want to thank you for this honor.... it means so much to me... especially since you’ve given me **FIVE WHOLE MINUTES**... in which **I’LL TALK**. and **YOU’LL** listen!! (**Wait for the laugh**)... I know the pressure is on... I **BETTER** be entertaining!!

Meg, anyone that knows you knows you’re the life of the party... you’re outgoing, loving, caring, communicative.... we started laughing together at Nana Mary’s and we haven’t stopped since. There are so many memories I have of us together... Do you remember how we would share drinks because we said it would make us “sisters???” Some people say, “**Be careful what you wish for**...” I say, “**Look at us now**!!! It worked!!!” Lifelong friends that are easily as close as sisters...Boy!!! Were we smart for four year olds!!! We were also little troublemakers... back then... now we’re **ANGELS**!! (**Wait for the laugh**). Some might think we caused chaos... we just thought it was **FUNNY** when we would play on the swings and tip them over... Meg, you have always been a force of nature... always animated... always on the go... Remember back at Nana Mary’s when we had those dance lessons? Remember how I helped you with your moves... going beyond that twirl and spin and waving one hand in the air??? ...Well, tonight’s the night to show us all how you’ve improved!!! (**Wait for the laugh**)... I know... I know... you’re **MUCH BETTER** now!! And what about those trips we would get to take with our families??? From camping in Cape May to “horsing around” in “Frontier Town,” we left our mark, didn’t we?? Through it all, we were two parts of a handful back then and there’s **STILL** never a dull moment when we are together.

Meg, your moves **MUST HAVE** improved, because along came Jimmy and here we are... Jimmy, Meg, you two make a **FANTASTIC** couple.... Jimmy the way you love Meg and watch out for her and her friends is, well, very heartwarming, and if I must say so, very **VERY** appreciated. I am proud to call you my “friend-in-law”... if there’s such a thing... I love the way you care... your honesty and respect for everyone is nothing short of great... knowing that you only want the best for Meg and those who also love her makes you that much more special, and your ability to play “**air piano**” seals the deal... (**Wait for the laugh**)...I mean... how many times have you transformed that plain table in your garage into a virtual keyboard.... **BOY** does it feel good when we get the band back together!!! Now... If only Meg and I would just lip sync instead of screaming our lungs out.... America’s Got Talent... eat your hearts out!!! (**Wait for the laugh**). (**If you want, you can add**) Ah yes... Meg and Jimmy... the **NOISY NEIGHBORS** (**and wait for the laugh**).

Meg and Jimmy, tonight signifies a whole new level for your love and life together. You are finally and officially married! I want to congratulate your families (**If you know Meg’s parents and siblings well, maybe you should name them**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

So much has been said about friends and families and the importance of both in our lives. I once read that “It takes a long time to grow an old friend.” I am so blessed to have you, Meg, in my life, and now, of course, you, Jimmy, as well. I want to thank our mothers, and of course, Nana Mary... wherever she may be... for bringing us together... for giving us a place to laugh and play and really get to know each other. I want to thank that swing for avoiding smacking us in the head... even when we were really rough with it, and most of all, Meg, I want to thank you for all the friendship, the laughs, the joy, that you have brought into my life for all of these years... as far as I am concerned, we’re just beginning!!! It has been an honor to stand up for you today, and to dance at your wedding. I cannot wait to witness this journey the two of you begin tonight and I look forward to many more moments, laughs, and milestones all shared with two great people.

(**If you want to propose a toast, you can say**)

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

To Meg and Jimmy... I wish you a lifetime of love, health, happiness, respect, partnership, laughs, and more than you might ever hope for... Congratulations! We love you!! Thank you!