**WEDDING SPEECH**

**FOR**

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Hello everyone... it’s great to be here, with all of you, celebrating the marriage of these two great people, Neda and David. Tonight signifies a time of miracles and milestones...As my brother, David, is marrying beautiful, brilliant Neda... many thoughts and memories come to mind... And although David might be bracing for me to “roast” him tonight..... yes... I **DO** have some stories, I’m not going to do that... well... **MAYBE** not... (**Wait for the laugh**).

Although David is my younger, “**little**” brother... I know... hard to believe, **RIGHT**??? ... it seems as though for most of his life, he’s called the shots.... with **everyone**... At an early age, David’s naturally competitive... dare we say, **bossy** nature encouraged him to lead the way...His energy is infectious... his capabilities and talents are distinctive...And his stamina...his dedication to “making the most” out of a party...Okay... being the last one to leave... is **mythical**... I’ll leave it at that and let Mackie go into details... just a warning to the wait staff here this evening... let’s hope you brought sleeping bags or live nearby... if I know my brother, it’s gonna be a **loooong** night !! (**Wait for the laugh**)

As he grew up and became aware of the world around him, David **REALLY** became aware of the world around him... he got into his fair share of mischief as a kid... far be it from me to bust him on this special night... but you can ask those good looking groomsmen over there... you know... the ones in their tuxes... just **ITCHING** to give some details (**If you want you can say**) ... or maybe that’s the fabric??? (**And** **wait for the laugh**).

Legend has it that Arnold Palmer said, “The harder I work, the luckier I get.” My brother David is living proof of the truth to that statement. We all know he’s diligent, focused, and dedicated to the causes in which he believes... and when it came time to search for his other, probably even better half, we have to ask, was it luck? Or was it carefully calibrated determination?? He must have done a really good job of concentrating and articulating his ideal, because, lo and behold!!! Here we are tonight!! (**Do you want to add**) Let’s hear it for “**visualization**!!!”

Neda, even with David’s iron clad criteria... his air tight expectations... and his enviable standards, you’ve exceeded all of them!!! Can I ... or can we... call it luck??? Or can we acknowledge that when someone puts himself out there... destiny listens. ... Well that ... and... I must say... I did have a hand in editing his online profile to be a little less “**dude**” (**or choose another word that might better describe his previous profile**) and a little more “**family**...” David might **THINK** he takes the lead.... but he’s smart enough to realize just who his big sis is...

Neda, welcome to our family... we may be crazy, loud and relentless, but Heaven knows, we’re sincere... and loving... and we’re so happy you’re here. Your level of patience... and thankfully your obviously great sense of humor has not gone unnoticed. And while we have our imperfections, you should know that our parents taught us kindness, generosity, how to love unconditionally, and, of course, the importance of family. These are just some of the qualities they instilled in us that I believe led you to each other. While I can’t give you marital advice, I **can** share sisterly observations and tell you that the two of you have given me something to look up to ... true love thats worth waiting for.

Dave, one of the greatest joys in my life has been watching you grow into the person I admire most. One of the clearest ways to see your amazing character is by knowing the woman you’ve chosen to be your wife. Even though you're my younger brother, you’ve always been protective of me and made me feel safe. It’s your nature, and I’m blessed to have that. Neda, I know he’ll look after you the way he's been looking after me all these years and will take great care **of** you and **for** you for the rest of his life... And you’ve given Dave something he’s always wanted... to have someone to **come home to**.

I’d like to invite all of you to raise a glass, especially, **YOU**, Neda... because you’re going **need it** now that you’re a Cheverie... To Neda and David... **Welcome Home**... It’s where the heart is... it’s where your souls meet and meld... it’s where you’re safe and content... Here’s to a lifetime filled with more happiness, health, love, and great adventures than you might ever wish for!!! Congratulations... we love you!!