**WEDDING SOEECH**

**FOR**

**VI NGUYEN**

Hi Everyone!  For those who don't know me, I'm Vi. I’m very happy to be here... I’m **THRILLED** to celebrate the bride and groom.... I’m moved to be able to honor two people who love each other so much.... and let’s face it... I’m thankful to Anita... and Mark too... for giving us the chance to honor love and marriage, to dance and have fun... but **MOSTLY** to enjoy some great food!!! If anyone knows Anita... and me... **REALLY** knows us... they know how much we **LOVE** our **food**!!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

Anita and I met during one of our rotations for OT school, and from the very beginning, we connected. There are very few people I've encountered in life with whom I instantly click....And that's how I felt with Anita. I’m pretty sure that one of the earliest... if not the first... conversation we had was about our love for food..... don’t get nervous... Mark was not yet in the picture... or we probably would have talked about him... or at least about his favorite dishes!!! (**Wait for the laugh**)... And honestly, things haven’t changed much...food is still probably about 80% of what we talk about.... believe me... we can go **DEEP**... food means so much to us... it’s nourishment... it’s a social connector... it’s an art form... and, as with the two of us, food has cemented our bond.

But as we all know, there’s so much more to Anita...She is the absolute greatest friend I could ever ask for. She's also quite a one-of-a-kind woman... with a tireless love of life... **and** an endless **appetite**... . She can eat **two big servings** of pasta at an Italian restaurant then ask if we can go get sushi right after. (**Do you want to add...**) and yet, she’s so petite... Anita, we never discussed this, but **DO YOU HAVE A HOLLOW LEG**??? Where **DOES** all that food go?? (**And wait for the laugh**). She manages to go to bed with perfectly straight hair but will wake up with bed head every morning. Silliness aside,  Anita is kind-hearted, loyal, dependable, and goofy. She puts forth incredible effort and dedication into everything that she does, and I know for sure she will approach her new role as a wife in the same way.

Alright, Mark it's your turn. Mark... you’re a super cool guy, .. and it really doesn’t hurt that you’re also a big foodie, that’s definitely a plus in Anita’s world!! I remember how you would tag along on our food adventures and that's how I really got to know you... I’m sure someone has said, “You really don’t know someone until you see them order food”... Now we know!!! And Mark fits the bill **perfectly**!! . My earliest impression of Mark was that he was super easy-going, personable, and down to earth. I had also heard about his superb culinary skills and his expertise as a grill master. I have to say, he took me by surprise when he grilled perfect steaks and made his own butter and herb sauce to go with them. Anita... **HES A KEEPER**!!!

Mark, I know you and Anita really love each other and have each other’s back, but I would still like to share some advice about Anita which you may already know... Make sure she gets her hourly feedings, otherwise Anita can get pretty **hangry**... keep a bib with you at all times... be **prepared**... she may need it so that she doesn't get stains on her clothing... and always have freshly homemade mac and cheese and mashed potatoes ready on the off-chance you do anything that might make her upset, Come to think of it... **MAC N CHEESE**??? **MASHED POTATOES**??? I’ll be **RIGHT OVER**!!! (**Wait for the laugh**). One other thing... As I’m sure you know, Anita **LOVES** The Bachelor/Bachelorette... my advice to you... accept it and move on... **oh**... and be grateful that she didn’t ask Chris Harrison to officiate at your wedding!! (**Wait for the laugh**).  No rose ceremony needed here!!!

You're a very lucky lucky guy Mark! Anita... you’re a very lucky girl... and I am even more blessed to be friends with both of you.

Congrats to you both! I wish you guys a lifetime of love and happiness, success and laughter, and a never ending menu of delicious, tasty, mouth watering adventures!!! Congratulations!! We love you!! Thank you!!