**BEST MAN SPEECH**

**FOR**

**GIDEON VISTA VISTA**

Hello everyone!! For those of you that may not know, I am Gideon and I am the very happy and proud father (**Are you also the best man? Order said this is a best man speech if so, you can add**) and Best Man. Today is one of the most important days for the Vista family ... that we will **EVER** have, and I am thrilled to be here for my son, Tyler. I want to officially welcome Jade and Reese to our family as well.... to witness this happiness and watch our family expand is really what life is all about. Jade and Reese, you have added so much to Tyler’s life... and to ours, and I know I speak for the rest of the Vista’s when I say that we look forward to making many new memories with you!

Speaking of the rest of the family, I want to acknowledge several people for sharing the strength, love, and character that helped to make Tyler... and his sister, Chelsy, the outstanding people they are today. Cyndi, as Tyler’s mother, there was **NOTHING** you would not do to make sure our son was “fed and watered” and most of all loved... every day of his life. To my parents, Dee and Gideon D, thank you for all of your love and support... both with me and of course with my kids.... to Cyndi’s dad, Buddy, the way you and (**Name Buddy’s deceased wife**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ provided wonderful love, support, and good old common sense was exceptional, and I am sure \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is smiling down on Tyler, Jade, and Reese and will always watch over them... and Chelsy.

Years ago, I heard an expression, “Give me the child and I will show you the man.” Boy, we’re we blessed to have such great children!!! Chelsy was... and is... adorable, and Tyler??? I could not have asked for a more wonderful son. He was an adorable, loving child, and he’s grown up to be a caring, considerate, respectful, and loving adult. I wish I had some funny, more “naughty” stories to tell, but the bad news.... or really the **GOOD** news, is that he was a **great** kid.... the one thing I would say that stands out to me is that Tyler seems to have always aspired to **MORE**... to being greater... doing better... always improving his standing and stature in his life... I remember once, when he was about four or five years old, I was with him at his doctor’s office. He was getting a routine physical, and back then, he was really small for his age. The doctor weighed and measured Tyler and let us know that he thought our son would turn out to be really tall... Now it’s **NO SECRET** that he wouldn’t get that from me!!! (**Wait for the laugh**) .... and most of our family **IS** short... but Tyler, bless him, has grown in so many ways... including his height!!! I believe it helps him have a better, more well rounded vantage point... it helps him have perspective and a great, more complete and compassionate view of the world...

Over the years, Tyler developed into a fine, caring, terrific young man... he developed his interests and passions and learned to eagerly accept his place and purpose in life. Someone once said, “If people concentrated on the **really** important things in life, there would be a shortage of fishing poles.” Tyler has known that, in his gut, for as long as I can remember. He **LOVES** fishing and shares his joy of the sport with everyone... just ask Jade and Reese... and speaking of fishing... there was that night... back at the Ale House... where two people met and connected.... and Tyler was **HOOKED**!! (**Wait for the laugh**).... and here we are!!

Jade, Tyler, and Reese, you have a beautiful family.... one that will grow together and learn together, and face the world as a “team.” As you share your lives and experiences, remember how important this day is and how you feel. Remember to love and respect one another, appreciate your differences, and celebrate your connections.

(**Do you want to make a toast? If so, you can say the following. If not, go to the closing)**.

I’d like to invite all of you to raise a glass as I propose a toast:

To Jade and Tyler....

I am sure I speak for everyone here when I say I wish you nothing but the best of everything... long life, good health, happiness, prosperity, and plenty of time to fish... and **CATCH** all of your dreams!! Thank you all!!