**Marriage Quotes:**

* “Marriage is not about finding a person you can live with, it’s about finding the person you can’t live without.” After that you can simply say, “My friend has found that person.”

**Notes:**

* Mike calling me to let me know he was planning on quitting school to become a realtor.
* Mike never gives up no matter what. Like the time he was ready to quit commercial real estate because he wasn’t selling anything.
* Mike is great at just about everything he does from sports, to poker, you name it.
* How many people I've beat up for Mike.
* Mike's the kind of guy that all be sure to let you know how time your wiener is every time you're on the phone with them.
* Gave mike a concussion playing volleyball.
* One thing that you should know about Mike is that he's always right.
* I remember Mike used to eat Pizza from Pizza Hut with extra sauce. He's the only guy I know that would dip cinnamon bread sticks in marinara sauce.
* In high school, it was football, parties, and countless trips to Wendy's.
* After High School
* Mikes many nicknames; bump, the one, magic mike, mike lowry
* Mikes the kinda guy whose so overbearing he tries to manage his best man's speech

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Using this best man speech template, feel free to experiment with some ideas and fill out the following main stages of the speech:

* **Welcoming guests and acknowledging their presence**
	+ Good evening everybody. Hi, I’m Dustin Martorano, Mike’s best man and life partner. I have a few things to say about the happy couple, but first I want to acknowledge the individuals chiefly responsible for us being here tonight. So, let’s raise our glasses first to toast the Mother and Father of our beautiful Bride, Mr and Mrs. Kierkowska for raising such an amazing daughter, sister, wife and mother. And Linda and the late Edward Morgret for raising the son, brother, husband, and father we see here today. Cheers to the parents of our newly-minted couple!
	+ Next, I’d like everybody to raise their glasses in a toast to each and every one of you in this hall tonight. I know I speak for the happy couple when I say thank you for being here tonight. Most of you here played a role in shaping the amazing couple we’re celebrating tonight....Except for the plus 1’s. We all know you’re just here for the free food and liquor. So cheers to you all!
	+ Now for those of you who don’t know, Mike had the honor of being the best man at my wedding a year and a half ago. He must have taken months crafting a speech that was at once heart-warmingly emotional, and devilishly funny. It made the whole room laugh one moment, then brought tears to their eyes the next, including mine. My wife and I agreed it was the most beautiful wedding speech we’ve ever heard. Unfortunately Mike, I'm a married man, so haven't had the time to do all that.
	+ No but seriously, today is very special to me and it’s an honor for me to be here speaking tonight on the behalf of Mike and Joanna. Truthfully, I was nervous about having to speak here tonight. Not because I have a fear of public speaking or anything like that but because I feared that I wouldn’t do a job befitting of the love I have for these two.

* **How you met the groom and sharing funny stories as you spent time with him**
	+ So anyway, Mike and I have been friends for over 30 years. As kids, we spent the vast majority of our time hanging out with other kids in our neighborhood playing sports and video games, riding our bikes, playing ghost in the graveyard and of course getting into our fair share of trouble. Like the time Mike broke one of my mom’s kitchen cabinets, superglued it together, and let my brother Dion take the fall for it. Oops, sorry Dion! Or that time we built a tree house...on somebody elses property. Remember how that ended Mike? I do. Long story short, while taking it down, Mike kicked one of the step into my face knocking all of my front teeth backwards. If it weren’t for my braces, I’d have no front teeth. Thanks for that buddy!

Seriously though, Mike’s a great guy, but we’ve had our fair share of differences. Like the time we went into business selling lemonade to the neighbors. Mike and got into a dispute over pricing strategy and as you can probably imagine it didn’t end well. Let’s just say, I made quite an impression on him, a baseball sized impression on his chest to be exact. Had to get him back for that ladder incident. While neither of us have ever taken well to defeat,

* **His exceptional traits and accomplishments**
	+ A few things you should know about Mike.
	+ Mike’s the kind of guy who gives himselves nicknames like mike lowrey, Brock Landers, magic mike, and my personal favorite, the one.
	+ Mike’s also the kind of guy that drives his explorer into a pond.....while driving on a golf course at 2am.
	+ Mike’s the kinda a guy who never ends a phone conversation without letting you know how tiny your manhood is.
	+ No but seriously....
	+ Mike is one the smartest, most driven, hardest working, toughest and most resiliant people I’ve ever known.
	+ Mike’s always excelled at pretty much everything he’s ever done, whether it be school, sports, playing poker. You name it! The only thing I’m better at is getting married. I’ve done it twice and he’s only done it once. So beat that buddy!
	+ But Mike’s more than just a sharp, witty, and talented guy....
	+ He’s also kind, generous, dependable, compasionatte, and won’t hesitate to bend over backwards for those he loves. Mike’s been there for me whenever I’ve needed him and never once asked for anything in return.
	+ Mike is couragous. He’s a risk taker. He’s the kind of guy who chases after his dreams. Like the time he boldly dropped out of the biochemistry doctorate program at U of I to pursue his dream of starting his own real estate company, American Dreamscapers. Which he did start by the way, with my help of course. I’m still waiting for the return on my investment by the way Mike. We’re gonna have to chat about that. Most people wouldn’t have made that decision. Most people would have taken the comfortable path. But Mike’s not most people.
	+ Now, If you didn’t know him prior to tonight, you might take one look at Mike and all that he’s accomplished and think he had it easy. But believe me when I tell you, this could be further from the truth. Mike’s had to overcome some life-altering hardships, starting with losing his father at an early age. Mike’s also had to go through the unimaginable trauma of losing a child. But through it all he’s demonstrated what is to be a man.
	+ I remember the day Mike told me I’d be godfather to his son. I can’t begin to tell you what that meant and continues to mean to me.
* **About meeting the love of his life and a message to the bride**
	+ I remember when Mike called and told me about Joanna. They had just started dating. I remember him telling me rather matter of factly that she was the one. Never before had Mike spoken about a girl this way, so I knew he was serious. The first time I met Joanna, I understood why he felt the way he did. Joanna is everything you could ever want in a wife. She’s smart, beautiful, supportive, caring, nurturing, patient and best of all, she can cook! Ever had her Pierogies? My god! No, but seriously, Joanna’s a perfect fit for Mike and vice versa. They compliment each other well and most importantly their love is genuine. Thank you Joanna for everything you do to make Mike happy. And thank you Mike for choosing me to be your best man. I am honored and grateful beyond words. I love you guys!
* **Raising your glass to the newly weds**
	+ Now before I wrap things up I want to say a quick prayer to ask our lord God to bless this union. So, please bow your heads while we pray.... Dear Heavenly Father, we ask that you bless this union between Mike and Joanna, and that it be your will that you continue to show them favor. Please keep them safe, healthy, prosperous, and most importantly guide their hand as they raise Charlie in your image. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.
	+ So please join me in toasting the greatest decision Mike has ever made. To my very best friend Mike and his new wife Joanna. Congratulations on becoming newlyweds, and may you enjoy a lifetime of love and happiness together.
	+ Cheers!

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