**1.To what size group will the speech be delivered?**
Large (100+ people), Medium (50 to 100 people), Small (25 to 50 people), Intimate (1 to 25 people)

**Large, about 250**

**2. The speech will be delivered to a group made up of mostly?**
(Family, Friends, Colleagues, Business Associates, Employees, Clients, Media, Invited Guests, Crowd, Specific Ethnic Group, Children, Congregation, Teenagers, or other)

**Family, friends, invited guests**

**3.Where will the event be held?**

**Wedding reception at local country club**

**4. What kind of speech do you want?**
(Funny, Sentimental, Heartwarming, Informative, Informative, Poetic, Serious, Dramatic, Story telling, Professional presentation, Combination of one or more styles)

**Combination of sentimental and funny**

5. Is there a key person(s) to whom the speech will be given? Tell us their name(s) and a little about his/her personality.

**My daughter, Caroline.**

**6. Please share information about events or memories you have together that you would like mentioned in the speech.**

**See below**

**7. What do you want your audience to think or feel as a result of experiencing your presentation?**

**8. Is there an action that you would like your audience to take as a result of experiencing your presentation?**

**No, just want them to be happy for her and the groom**

**9. What is your deadline for delivering the speech?**

**1/7/2022**

**10. Finally, please provide your speechwriter with any additional information you would like to have included in your speech. Include all information you feel is essential to your speech.**

I have made some notes:

# Wedding

Endearing stories about the bride are the heart and soul of the father of the bride’s speech. You are one of the few people who has known her for her entire life so undoubtedly you have quite a few tender moments you could share. Also, you could talk about how you felt the day the bride was born and how she changed your life for the better.

[we waited until we were in our late 30’s before we had Carrie, now we had a purpose caring for and raising this little person that we both made - up to that point our lives were just about our jobs and hanging out with friends on weekends ] [OB doctor said, it’s a huge girl! Holding one foot in one hand and one foot in the other she looked like a king crab caught by an Alaskan fisherman][in the hospital room the nurse said grandfathers would have to move out of the hallway in case of fire, grandfathers said that they would tell them when there was a fire]

Include some funny and touching moments from her childhood and teenage years

[guitar lessons, soccer, swimming, cheerleading, dance classes, ballet, gymnastics] [bought all the soccer gear but didn’t want to play]

[Carrie likes animals. Since she was our only child, we got her every type of pet - fish, frog, rabbit which we bought and took back to Pet Smart store - they charged a $10 reshelving fee. She had a parade of dogs and cats, hammie the hamster, and hermit crabs]

[she had 90 Barbie’s, we noticed that her Barbie’s were missing their fingers and we thought that maybe she was biting them off but later we found out it was Sam the Weiner Dog secretly biting them off]

Tell her how proud of the woman she is today. Mention how you are happy that she found the love of her life (mention husband here).

[they mutually respect one another, they laugh together and always have funny stories for us when they visit us]

[mention the mother, after 30 years of marriage, Carrie’s mother is now my best friend]

Also, remember that her best friend may cover some of the same stories in her maid of honor speech so you may want to compare notes with her.

Next to talking about your daughter, speaking about your son-in-law is the most important part of your father of the bride speech. Be sure to tell him how you feel about him and how much he means to your family.

[Now that Carries with John, I know he is her protector. We don’t have to be concerned for her safety when going out on the town because he is built like Arnold swartznegger]

[his humor is great and he respects her - always opening a door or holding her chair, you don’t see that anymore]

You can incorporate some humor as well, but try to keep it heart-warming. You could talk about the first time you met him, or how he has changed your daughter’s life for the better. Lovingly and sincerely welcome him to your family.

At this point, you could include a funny story about the couple. Remember to keep it clean, and nothing too embarrassing. Making the newlywed’s blush and giggle is one thing. You don’t want to humiliate them or make them uncomfortable on their wedding day.

Funny anecdotes will keep the guests engaged in your father of the bride speech. Perhaps you have a humorous story about the first time she brought him over for dinner. Or maybe something funny from the wedding preparations. Keep it light and appropriate.

You should always include something about the groom’s parents in your speech. They are now part of your family, as you are part of theirs. You will be spending time with them during the holidays, birthdays and other joint family events. And you could even share in the blessing of future grandchildren.

Thank them for sharing in the big day and becoming part of your family, as well as any part they took in the wedding. Congratulate them on the fine job they did raising their son and how happy you are to welcome them all to your family.

Do not neglect to introduce your wife, the bride’s mother. Share a brief story about how you met and your lives together. Tell her that you love her as much today as you did on your wedding day.

Thank her for her part in raising your daughter to be the beautiful woman she is today. Perhaps share a story of how much your daughter is like her mother. Spend a moment or two doting on your wife and then tie it into your daughter and her new husband.

In keeping with tradition, your father of the bride’s speech should end with a toast. Ask everyone to stand with me and raise their glasses to the happy couple on their wedding day.

The toast itself does not have to belong. In fact, it should not be longer than the speech itself. Just say a few short sentences congratulating the bride and groom and wishing them a happy life together. Use some examples of father of the bride wedding toasts:**Example 1:**

*Please stand with me and raise your glass to toast the happy couple. (Bride’s name) has been the light of my life for the past 25 years and today I hand her over to (groom’s name). I know he will love and cherish her every bit as much as I do a toast to a happy and healthy life full of endless love and laughter!*

**Example 2:**

*Please join me in a toast to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Groom’s name), you have become like a son to me, and I am entrusting (bride’s name) to you. Cherish every moment you have together. Let us all wish the happy couple a lifetime of joy!*

**Example 3:**

*Please raise your glass to the newlyweds. When (bride’s name) was only 13 years old she told me that she wanted to marry (groom’s name). I watched them grow from happy and carefree teenagers to happy, loving and caring adults. Let’s offer a toast to many years of wedded bliss!*

**Example 4:**

*When (groom) first showed up at my front door, I never imagined he would be the one to steal my baby’s heart. But here we are today, and I couldn’t be happier for them. Let’s raise our glass to the (bride and groom) and wish them many years of happiness!*

**Example 5:**

*Please join my wife and I as we raise our glasses to the beautiful, kind, and loving couple. We welcome you to our family, and we look forward to many years of holiday dinners, family vacations, and late-night phone calls. Cheers to \_\_\_ and \_\_\_!*