Sample Wedding Day Letter from a Mother to a Son

Dear Sam,

Wow, I can barely believe the big day has finally arrived! I imagined how this day might be for you from the day you were born. I am so proud of you and the person that you are. Congratulations on your wedding, my amazing son.

I can't help thinking about what brought you here to this day. I'm proud of the choices you've made as well as your many accomplishments. From your all-star win during your first year of Little League to the full academic scholarship to New York University, I've loved to see your success in sports and academics. You seemed to know innately how to live a balanced life, and you've taught me a lot about that.

As you've grown into a man who I admire, my thoughts also frequently turn to the little boy I adored. Remember when we used to have story time at night? I used to read you Love You Forever by Robert Munsch. You'd ask me to read it over and over again before bed. I'll tell you a secret. I always wished you'd ask me to read it one more time! I was anxious for more time with you no matter how tired I was.

The words of the book still ring true from me to you: "I'll love you forever. I'll like you for always. As long as I'm living, my baby you'll be."

May you feel the deepest joy all throughout your wedding day and find small ways to keep that joy alive for you and Taylor throughout your marriage. In the 32 years that I've been married to your father, I've discovered that the secret to finding deep joy and ongoing meaning in your relationship boils down to three things that are within the power of the two of you. Humbly apologize when you make mistakes. Never act against one another in anger. Show your love in small, unselfish ways on a daily basis.

Your marriage is your own to treasure. Make of it anything you want. Please choose to make it magical, special, and sacred, for then the happiness you both feel together will only increase over the years. You will get from this marriage what you are willing to put into it.

Oh, Sam, I know that you will take these things to heart — you have always been so thoughtful and kind. I can't tell you how much your dad and I love you both, and we are thrilled to add Taylor into our mad and adoring family. You two are perfect partners. I vividly remember when we went out to that Italian eatery to meet for the first time, and I knew that your love was an everlasting one just from the way you looked at each other.

Congratulations again, sweet Sam. Taylor adores you unconditionally, and so do your Dad and I. Take the time to feel and savor this love every day for the rest of your life.

Love you always and forever,
Mom