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Your Wedding Attendants' Responsibilities

Maid or Matron of Honour

(Bride's right-hand woman)

- Purchases her own gown & accessories.
- Helps arrange bridal shower.
- Keeps record of shower and wedding gifts.
- Acts as official witness.
- Unofficially calms the bride's nerves.
- Helps bridesmaids on wedding day.
- Holds bride's bouquet (and possibly gloves) during ceremony.
- Rearranges train before recessional.
- Helps bride change into going-away apparel.

Best Man

(Groom's right-hand man)

- Responsible for own attire.
- Makes sure groom arrives on time.
- Oversees ushers' duties.
- Acts as official witness.
- Proposes toast and special speeches at ceremony and reception.
- Delivers officiant's fee (in envelope.)
- Keeps rings, license, and honeymoon tickets ready in a safe place.
- Acts as toastmaster at the bridal table
- Plans transportation for reception exit.
- Returns groom's formal wear as soon as possible after the wedding.

Bridesmaids

- Purchase own gowns & accessories.
- Assist in all pre-wedding festivities.
- Wrap small reception gifts (optional).
- Fill cups with confetti, rice, or rose petals to throw for the get-away.
- Decorate the cars.

Ushers

- Responsible for own attire.
- Are involved in all ceremony festivities.
- Greet all guests at the ceremony, ask which family they represent, and seat them accordingly. Bride's family and friends sit on the right of the aisle (facing altar) and groom's on the left.
- Two ushers unroll aisle runner after the bride's mother is seated.

Flower Girl

- Precedes the bride, tossing paper petals or fresh flower petals along the aisle.
- Dress complements the bridesmaids' dresses.

Ring Bearer

- Walks down the aisle carrying the ring secured to a satin pillow.