

## Best Man Speech

By Christopher Reid

(copied from bits of everyone else)

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, I hope everyone is enjoying this very special day so far.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Chris Reid, I'm Neil's big brother and it is my great pleasure, and honour to be his Best Man today.

I have never been a best man before, and I am not renowned for my speech writing, but I'll try my best. Because Neil said if I do a good job today, I can be Best Man at his next wedding, too.

{pause}

Let me start by saying that I think you will all agree our georgous bride Kath looks like a million dollars today.

And, I'm sure you'll agree with me gentlemen, when I say today is a sad day for single men everywhere, as another beauty leaves the available list.

And ladies, I'm sure you'll agree that today's passing by, without much of a ripple at all?

I'm was actually a little bit nervous about giving this speech today, so I rehearsed it a few times in front of a live audience at the local old people's home, ... and I think it went very well, because they all pissed themselves anyway.

My other brother Ronnie gave me a few tips for my nerves, he said just imagine the entire audience is naked. *[Scan the audience and grimace at a few people]*

{pause}

As best man it's traditional for me to complete 3 roles for today.

The 1<sup>st</sup> was to get Neil here on time and to look as good as we could make him, and I'm sure you will all agree that I have done the best job I could with what I had to work with. It is a difficult task because after all, I'm best man, not a plastic surgeon!

And my 2<sup>nd</sup> task is to reveal how many ex girlfriends our groom has had, but as I'm his loving big brother I couldn't bring myself to embarrassing him on his big day, but I will just say to 'Neil, number 93 was your winner mate.'

And my last duty was to make sure the wedding goes smooth, this is why I have my pocket guide book to help me. *[show book]*

In my little pocket guide it mentioned three important parts of today's service

Aisle – the longest walk you will ever take

Altar – the place where two become one

Hymn – the celebration of marriage

I think Kath must have read my book because when she was walking up the aisle I'm sure I heard her whispering, Aisle, Altar, hymn. Aisle alter hymn.

{pause}

On a more serious note let me say that the bridesmaids look absolutely stunning today, and are only rightly outshone by our beautiful bride, Kath.

On behalf of the Bridesmaids, I would like to thank Neil for his kind words and say to both Christine and Julie that you both look wonderful and have done an excellent job today. I'm sure you'll be the subject of much unwanted attention as the night moves on and I'd like to personally apologise right now in advance.

So could we put our hands together for Kath and her bridesmaids. Hippi... hooray!

{pause}

So this day is all about my little brother Neil and the love of his life... which of course as we all know is truck driving.

Neil's other love is sports and especially AFL football. As his big brother it was left up to me when we were kids to guide him, and nurture his inner football talents so he could be of best use in our local football team. From an early age it was obvious he had a natural talent and love for the game and it's fair to say that you'd be hard pressed to find a better orange peeler or bench warmer anywhere in AUSTRALIA....

Ahhh But alas. It's a shame he hasn't carried that dedication into his working life. I just discovered that Neil's work mates have started calling him GOD because if he ever does any work it's a bloody miracle.

The little bugger was born Neil John on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1982 at 12.06am This made him the first person born in WA that year and got him a full 8' by 8' picture in the local West Australian newspaper .

The special touch for me and Ronnie who is his other big brother was that we got a also got mention in that article.... thanks little bro. Fresh into the world and already sucking up to his big brothers.

{pause}

As a baby I wouldn't say Neil was ugly, but Debbie, his mum, only suffered morning sickness AFTER he was born.

We were worried about Neil in the early days. As a child he was a slightly slow starter, which I am SOO thankful to say that now Kath tells me he's a fast finisher.

At preschool Neil was different from all the other 5 year old kids,... he was 11.

I remember when we were kids one particular visit to a local Pizza Hut, where the waiter asked Neil if he would like his pizza cut into 4 or 8 pieces, Neil's reply was . . .  
"You'd better make it 4 because I'll never manage 8."

Many of you would be wondering how Neil became so interested in Truck Driving and you can thank Ronnie and me for that. When I was about ohh 13, Ronnie was 11 and Neil would have been about 6 years old, we used to hijack away our mum's 1965 valiant, by putting Neil behind the wheel as me and Ronnie pushed that old tank down the driveway and all the way down the street, and take it to some local sports ovals where we would all take turns in a doughnut and burnout competition.

The great thing about Neil was that he never dobbed and he never complained. Neil has integrity.

Hear hear!

{pause}

I'm not sure I'm the best person to dish out advice! But I do have the following words of wisdom for our happy groom.

1. Firstly, set the ground rules and establish who the boss is: Then do everything she says
2. Married life can be compared to football. So be fully committed every week and make sure you score at least once every weekend. Make sure you change ends at half time. Put your tackle into it hard or you might injure yourself. However, Kath assures me that playing away from home, will result in a serious groin injury and is definitely the quickest way to get yourself on the draft list.
3. Always remember the three little words..."You're right dear".
4. The best way to remember your anniversary is to forget it once.
5. It is important to get on with your mother in law. A friend of mine hasn't spoken to his for two years. Not because he doesn't like her... he just doesn't like to interrupt the bitch.

{pause}

Now I must say a few words about Kath. She is beautiful, intelligent and caring, and I think she's made a wonderful choice for her first husband.

And I have some useful advice for her

1. Never go to bed on an argument.... Always stay up and argue.
2. Kath also remember, men are like fine wine, they start out like grapes and it is your job to stamp on them in the dark until they mature into something that you would like to have dinner with.

Joking aside... I'm really, really honoured to be here today as Neil's best man.

Neil you're my youngest and dearest brother, and it's been an honour to be your best man today and I'd like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for affording me the privilege.

You're incredibly lucky, Kath is a beautiful girl, with a heart of gold and deserves to have a good husband. Thank god you married her before she found one.

{loooonger pause}

My final duty has to be my favourite, and that is to pose a toast to the newlyweds,...

Ladies and gentlemen, you've been a great audience and it gives me immense pleasure to invite you to all stand, raise your glasses and toast to the newlyweds Mr & Mrs Reid.

May your life be filled with many happy memories...

{raise glass} To Mr and Mrs Reid

**Your name is: Chris Reid**  
**Grooms name is: Neil Reid**  
**Brides name is: Kathryn Reid**  
**Matron of honor is: Cristine**  
**Other brides maids names are: Julie**  
**Mother of the bride: Jan Pool**  
**Father of the bride: Len Pool**

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