

## ***Wedding Day Tips***

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First and foremost, your wedding day is unquestionably the most important day of your life and a day that you should enjoy. You've been preparing for this event for quite some time now and hopefully, the day will unfold just as you planned.

Over the years, we have come to learn a lot about weddings and what makes things flow smoothly. We would like to share with you a few hints that will help you get through your big day.

### *For your pictures:*

- ✓ Don't place pew bows on the forward most pews until after the photography session. Also, avoid laying the aisle runner as well. Bright objects in the foreground of your pictures attract the eye first and may detract from your picture on the whole.
- ✓ Use subtle makeup for pictures. Bold, bright colors often become bolder and brighter in pictures. Save the bolder makeup for the ceremony.
- ✓ Have 2 sets of candles for your wedding, one for pictures and one for the ceremony. Also, keeping the candles in the refrigerator will help them last longer.
- ✓ Pre-burning your unity candle will make it easier to light during the ceremony. This is often done anyway during your pre-ceremony formals.
- ✓ Children present special handling. You never know how they will react to the events of the day. The key word here is patience! They should be enticed to smile, never commanded. A good photographer will be able to work with children to attain great expressions. It is always a good idea to plan for them to have breaks to rest, play and eat. You don't want them worn out and irritable when it's time to walk down the aisle. But despite everyone's best efforts, at that particular moment, children will behave the way they want to behave. Your wedding day will not be completely ruined if they decide not to cooperate. Remember, they are just kids.
- ✓ This one is really important! Delegate someone to handle your last minute details before the ceremony. You will be very busy with your photographer and the interruptions will have an affect on our pictures.

### *For your wedding day in general:*

- ✓ Eat regular meals! It's imperative to not miss on nourishment. Have snacks and beverages available for everyone. This is especially important on hot days. Also, think about stashing an energy bar in your purse.
- ✓ Build extra time into your wedding day to take a breather. A break now and then will supply a little rejuvenation. Although difficult to do, get plenty of rest the night before.

- ✓ Discuss your wedding day itinerary with church or location staff. Keep them informed of the photography schedule, florist arrival time, caterers, etc. Some churches have special rules governing weddings. Make sure this information flows both ways.
- ✓ Keep a list of phone numbers with you. The list should include your wedding coordinator or representative from the church, florist, photographer, caterer, reception hall, etc. Anyone that is involved with your wedding should be on this list.
- ✓ Pack a *small* “emergency bag” and fill it with items like a small sewing kit, safety pins, clear nail polish, white electrical tape, band-aids, aspirin, breath mints and throat lozenges. The list is never-ending so choose items that you feel are the most important. Many items can be found in travels size bins at local discount and drug stores. Try to keep the bag small, you don’t need to plan for every little contingency.
- ✓ Have your personal attendant keep a small make-up bag handy for touch-ups. You might even consider using waterproof mascara for obvious reasons.
- ✓ Never leave purses and valuables in an unlocked room. There have been a number of thieves that target weddings for just this reason. Also, make sure the guest book attendant or host couple keeps an eye on the cards brought by guests. These often contain money and are also targeted by thieves.
- ✓ Have a pair of comfortable shoes handy for the reception and dance festivities after the formal pictures and ceremony.
- ✓ As with the pictures, delegate someone to handle the itinerary at the reception. This is the time you should be enjoying with your family and guests. At this point, you should not have to be concerned about the details.

While this is by no means a complete list, it does touch on a few of the important issues. One last thought, *Enjoy Your Wedding Day!*