Template One: Heartfelt & Sweet

I’d like to welcome you all here today to celebrate the marriage of my daughter Dawn and James. For those of you who don’t me, I’m the mother of the bride.

There’s a reason I’m doing this speech today and that is because Dawn’s father is sadly no longer with us. For those who don’t know…[tell the guests the story]. I know he would be immensely proud of you and James today and would have loved to have been here making this speech and leading you down the aisle.

[If you are separated or divorced, then you might not want to tell the story]

I’d also like to take a moment to welcome James into the family and also his parents [XXXX] and [XXXX].

[Tell a story about their relationship].

[Tell a joke or two about the groom]

This is the proudest day of my life. I’m sure you’ll all agree to how stunning Dawn looks today. She’s grown from a beautiful little girl into a beautiful young woman and I know she is going to have many happy years together with James.

[Tell a story about your daughter from her childhood and of your relationship with her – for inspiration see some examples]

Today will be the happiest day of your lives, but you’ve got many more lying ahead of you. You’re heading on an amazing journey together and I wish you every happiness. I know you are going to have so many happy years together.

[Add some examples and funny stories of your own experience, and some guidance for what might lie ahead – some jokes and funny thoughts are available to use]

I’d like you to be upstanding and toast the happy couple.