

Maid of Honor/Matron of Honor:

- Assists the bride in any way she can
- Arranges for a bridal shower along with bridesmaids
- Attends rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- Supervises bridesmaids
- Helps bride get ready before ceremony and before departure from the reception
- Holds groom's ring during the ceremony
- Holds bride's bouquet and arranges bridal veil and dress during the ceremony
- Is responsible for wedding gown after reception

Best Man:

- Assists the groom in any way he can
- Plans bachelor party
- Oversees the ushers, making sure they understand their duties
- Attends rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- Holds bride's wedding ring
- Makes sure the officiant is paid
- Helps newlyweds prepare for their honeymoon
- Makes sure all men's rental clothes are returned the first business day after the wedding

Bridesmaids:

- Have no particular pre-wedding duty
- Attend rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- Help plan bridal shower
- Walk in the processional and recessional

Ushers/groomsmen:

- Helps transfer gifts to a secure location
- Seat guests as they arrive — traditionally offer right arm to each woman, asks if they are a friend of the bride or groom and seat accordingly
- Seats pre-assigned guests of honor
- Walk in the recessional

Junior Bridesmaid:

- Wears a dress similar to bridesmaids, but in a simpler style
- Participates in the processional and recessional

Ringbearer:

- Usually a young boy between the ages of 4 and 10
- During the ceremony, he carries a white satin pillow, often with fake rings tied or sewn on

Flower girl:

- Usually a young girl between the ages of 4 and 10
- Carries a basket of flowers or loose petals to toss along the aisle

Candle lighter:

- A position that is often assigned to an usher
- Candles should be lit just before the bride's mother is seated

Mother of the Bride

- Usually acts as hostess of the reception
- Is seated a few minutes before the ceremony begins

Father of the Bride

- Escorts the bride down the aisle
- Makes a short toast at the reception