Dad as best man: how to write the speech

Be a father who happens to be best man, not a mate pretending to be twenty-five. Open with who you are, tell one specific story that shows who your son is now, welcome his partner by name, then toast the couple. Skip nappy jokes, CV lists and anything that makes the day about your parenting.

Checklist

- [ ] Nappies, dating history and exes.
- [ ] “My little boy” for longer than half a line.
- [ ] A résumé of grades, jobs and trophies.
- [ ] Marital advice from the microphone.
- [ ] Anything that upstages the couple.

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