

Generally Accepted Rules of Etiquette

Mother and Father LIVING
Use Standard Invitation Format as follows:

*Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Forrest
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Tiffany Elizabeth
to
Mr. Andrew Stratton
on Saturday, the fifth of March
two thousand and eleven
at three o'clock in the afternoon
Saint John's Church
764 Washington Avenue
Hingham, Massachusetts*

Mother and Father DECEASED

UNMARRIED Older Brother or Sister of Bride
issue Invitation:

*Mr. Bradley Maxwell Forrest
requests the honour of your presence
at the marriage of his sister
Tiffany Elizabeth Forrest*

MARRIED Older Brother or Sister of Bride
issue Invitation:

*Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Forrest
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of his sister
Tiffany Elizabeth Forrest*

Grandparents or Aunt and Uncle issue Invitation:

*Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Barclay
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their granddaughter
Tiffany Elizabeth Forrest.....*

Mother or Father DECEASED
and Living Parent not remarried

MOTHER issuing Invitation:

*Mrs. Stephen Forrest
requests the honour of your presence
at the marriage of her daughter
Tiffany Elizabeth....*

FATHER issuing Invitation:

*Mr. Stephen Forrest
requests the honour of your presence
at the marriage of his daughter
Tiffany Elizabeth*

Mother or Father DECEASED
and Living Parent has remarried

MOTHER REMARRIED

Mother uses her Present Husband's name.
Bride's Surname is added to her given name.

*Mr. and Mrs. John Tate
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of her daughter
Tiffany Elizabeth Forrest*

or

*Mr. and Mrs. John Tate
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of Mrs. Tate's daughter
or*

*Mrs. John Tate
requests the honour of your presence
at the marriage of her daughter
Tiffany Elizabeth Forrest*

FATHER REMARRIED

*Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Forrest
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of his daughter
Tiffany Elizabeth*

Parents DIVORCED

Mother NOT REMARRIED:
She uses a combination of her maiden and married name.

*Mrs. Connie Barclay Forrest
requests the honour of your presence
at the marriage of her daughter
Tiffany Elizabeth*

Mother REMARRIED

*Mrs. James Cullen
requests the honour of your presence
at the marriage of her daughter
Tiffany Elizabeth Forrest*

Mother and Father BOTH REMARRIED
and both wish to co-host wedding
(mother's name appears first)

*Mr. and Mrs. James Cullen
and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Forrest
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of
Tiffany Elizabeth Forrest*

GROOM'S FAMILY issuing Invitation:
The word "Miss" is used
when the sponsors of the wedding are not relatives.

*Mr. and Mrs. Philip Michael Stratton
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of
Miss Tiffany Elizabeth Forrest
to their son
Mr. Andrew Stratton*

BRIDE and GROOM issuing OWN Invitation:

*Miss Tiffany Elizabeth Forrest
and Mr. Andrew Stratton
request the honour of your presence
at their marriage*

SECOND MARRIAGES

Invitations to the marriage of a young divorcee or widow do not differ from those of a first marriage except that the Bride's married name is used if that is still her legal name.

*Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Forrest
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Tiffany Elizabeth Stratton*

DOUBLE WEDDINGS
When Brides are SISTERS:

*Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Forrest
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughters
Tiffany Elizabeth
to
Mr. Andrew Stratton
and
Melissa Ann
to
Mr. Warren Campbell*

When Brides are NOT SISTERS:

*Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Forrest
and
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Radloff
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughters
Tiffany Elizabeth Forrest
to
Mr. Andrew Stratton
and
Lisa Anne Radloff
to
Mr. John Cunningham*

RECALLING INVITATIONS

When a wedding has to be changed or canceled, the wording of the announcement should fit the circumstances. For example:

*Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Forrest
regret that due to an illness in the family
the invitation to
their daughter's wedding
Saturday, the fourth of August
must be cancelled.*

CORRECT USE OF MILITARY RANK
as used on Wedding Invitations

ARMY, AIR FORCE and
MARINE CORPS

NON-COMS and PRIVATES

....to
*Adam James Meyers
United States Marine Corps*

LIEUTENANT

....to
*Adam James Meyers
Lieutenant, United States Air Force*

CAPTAIN or HIGHER RANK

*Captain Allison Anne Layton
United States Army
to
Captain Adam James Meyers
United States Army*

NAVY

PETTY OFFICERS and SEAMEN

...to
*Adam James Meyers
United States Navy*

ENSIGN and HIGHER RANK

...to
*Adam James Meyers
Ensign, United States Navy*