

INVITATION ETIQUETTE GUIDE

BY

All She Wrote

FORMAL TRADITIONAL

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM MOORE WALSH
REQUEST THE HONOUR OF YOUR PRESENCE
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

NAMES LISTED AT THE TOP OF THE INVITE INDICATE THE HOSTS

THE BRITISH SPELLING OF "HONOUR" SIGNIFIES A RELIGIOUS CEREMONY; IT IS ALSO CONSIDERED THE MOST FORMAL WORD CHOICE

Katherine Rose
TO
James Alexander Lake

THE BRIDE'S LAST NAME IS NOT LISTED IF IT IS THE SAME AS HER PARENTS

SATURDAY, THE FIFTH OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN
AT HALF AFTER FIVE O'CLOCK

AN OLD SUPERSTITION CLAIMS THAT BEING MARRIED ON THE HALF HOUR BRINGS GOOD FORTUNE BECAUSE THE MINUTE HAND IS MOVING FOWARD

Fourth Presbyterian Church

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

THE ADDRESS DOES NOT NEED TO BE LISTED

IF THE CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION A SEPARATE RECEPTION CARD IS CUSTOMARY.

FORMAL CONTEMPORARY

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM MOORE WALSH
REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

USED WHEN THE
CEREMONY IS TAKING
PLACE OUTSIDE A
HOUSE OF WORSHIP

Katherine Rose

TO

James Alexander

THE GROOM'S LAST NAME
IS NOT LISTED IF IT IS THE
SAME AS HIS PARENTS

SON OF MR. AND MRS. THOMAS EDWARD LAKE

A THOUGHTFUL WAY
TO INCLUDE THE
GROOM'S PARENTS
WITHOUT IMPLYING
THEY ARE HOSTING

SATURDAY, THE FIFTH OF AUGUST

TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN

AT HALF AFTER FIVE O'CLOCK

HOTEL LINCOLN

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

IF THE CEREMONY AND
CELEBRATION ARE HELD
AT THE SAME LOCATION,
INCLUDE A LINE LIKE THIS

Reception immediately following

ATTIRE MAY BE
REQUESTED

BLACK TIE

INFORMAL CONTEMPORARY

INDICATES JOINT
HOSTING WITH THE
BRIDE, GROOM AND
BOTH FAMILIES

TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Katherine Walsh

AND

James Lake

LAST NAME SHOULD BE
USED SINCE PARENTS
NAMES ARE NOT LISTED

INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THEIR MARRIAGE

SATURDAY, THE FIFTH OF AUGUST

TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN

AT SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

"AFTERNOON" OR
"EVENING" DOES NOT
NEED TO BE LISTED,
HOWEVER, SOME FIND
IT VISUALLY PLEASING

WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

DINNER & DANCING TO FOLLOW

INVITATION WORDING EXAMPLES

HOW TO LIST HOSTS ON THE INVITATION

PARENTS OF THE BRIDE:

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM MOORE WALSH
ELIZABETH AND WILLIAM WALSH

PARENTS OF THE BRIDE AND PARENTS OF THE GROOM:

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM MOORE WALSH AND
MR. AND MRS. THOMAS EDWARD LAKE
REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR CHILDREN

PARENTS OF THE BRIDE; DIVORCED:

MRS. ELIZABETH AUSTEN WALSH
MR. WILLIAM MOORE WALSH

PARENTS OF THE BRIDE; DIVORCED, ONE HAS REMARRIED:

ELIZABETH WALSH
MARGARET AND WILLIAM WALSH

PARENTS OF THE BRIDE; DIVORCED, BOTH HAVE REMARRIED:

ELIZABETH AND JOHN MILLER
MARGARET AND WILLIAM WALSH

INDICATES JOINT HOSTING OF BOTH SETS OF PARENTS, BRIDE AND GROOM, COMBINATION OF BOTH, OR BRIDE AND GROOM ARE SOLE HOSTS:

TOGETHER WITH THEIR PARENTS
TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

BRIDE AND GROOM ARE SOLE HOSTS:

KATHERINE ROSE WALSH
AND
JAMES ALEXANDER LAKE
REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY

MORE WORDING EXAMPLES AND SUGGESTIONS

REQUEST LINE

REQUEST THE HONOUR OF YOUR PRESENCE
REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY
REQUEST YOUR PRESENCE AT THE CEREMONY AND CELEBRATION OF
INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THE MARRIAGE OF

RECEPTION LINE

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
DINNER AND DANCING TO FOLLOW
AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION TO FOLLOW
DINNER & MERRIMENT TO FOLLOW