

# Sample Letter from Bride to Parents

Dear Mom & Dad,

Where do I begin to thank you for everything you've done for me? It seems impossible, but I want to try. First and foremost, thank you for loving me unconditionally and for modeling what a loving marriage looks and sounds like.

You were always there for me, and you were always there for each other. You've been through some pretty rough times, but I saw how you worked things out together as a team. Yes, I heard raised voices and even a slammed door on occasion. But mostly I saw affection, and I heard two committed adults communicating with love and patience. I also heard lots of laughter.

Mom, when I think of you having four babies in five years, I marvel at your strength and courage. Thank you for your wisdom and for passing along your love of reading. You created and maintained a safe, beautiful home for us, and I regret that the important work you did sometimes went unnoticed. I also want to thank you for reminding me how happy Beau made me, gently steering me away from an unhealthy path.

Dad, thank you for providing for our family, working so hard year after year. Thanks for all the nights you patiently helped me with my math homework after a long day at the office. I'm grateful for your wise advice on everything from buying a car to choosing a college degree. And for your long rambling stories and jokes, and big bear hugs.

Thank you both for your consistent, loving presence and guidance, and for putting up with my messy teenage years. Thank you for instilling in me the values of empathy, kindness, and faith.

I love you both so much, and I am eternally grateful that God blessed me with such wonderful parents.