

SOME TIPS WHEN CONSIDERING YOUR LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS

Some tips to keep in mind before we start the list:

- Let your photographer know about your family structure, i.e. divorces, deaths and family feuds!!
- Think about how you want to record the day. Keep your list short for photojournalistic style photographers, you're hiring them to document your day as it flows
- The extended family shot list is very important, especially if you have a number of shots with relatives other than your immediate family.
- For every photo you add to your list, you must add approximately 2 minutes of shooting time. So if you're trying to figure your family photos into your timeline, the length of your list will be your guide on timing.

It is very important to make a **VIP list**. You want your photographer to get familiar with the family members and wedding party members, as quickly as possible, so separating and identifying them on a list will help. It's also beneficial for the photographer to know how many people they are going to have to deal with during the shooting time.

VIP LIST

Bride's Side:

Mother of the Bride _____

Father of the Bride _____

Stepmother _____

Stepfather _____

Maternal Grandmother _____

Maternal Grandfather _____

Sisters _____

Brothers _____

Stepsisters _____

Stepbrothers _____

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Groom's Side:

Mother of the Groom _____

Father of the Groom _____

Stepmother _____

Stepfather _____

Maternal Grandmother _____

Maternal Grandfather _____

Sisters _____

Brothers _____

Stepsisters _____

Stepbrothers _____

Bridal Party:

Maid of Honour _____

Bridesmaids _____

Flower Girl _____

Best Man _____

Ushers _____

Pre-Ceremony Shoot with Groom:

- Closeups and Full Length - Alone
- With your mother
- With your father
- With both your parents
- With other family members
- With the bestman
- With the Usher(s)
- Checking your tie and/or finishing up
- Getting ready candid
- Groom's Details, i.e. boutonniere, tuxes hanging, bottle of cologne, card/gift from bride, etc.

Pre-Ceremony Shoot with Bride

- Closeups and Full Length - Alone
- With your mother
- With your father
- With both your parents
- With other family members
- With Maid/Matron of Honor
- With bridesmaids
- With flower girl
- Putting on the finishing touches
- Adjusting garter
- Bride's Details, i.e. the dress, the shoes, the bouquets, makeup, jewellery, card/gift from the groom, etc.

Ceremony

- Ushers seating guests and mothers
- Bride's Arrival
- Processional
- Bride being walked down the aisle
- Groom waiting at the alter
- Bride being given away
- Wedding Party members at the alter
- Kneeling at the alter
- Exchanging rings
- Exchanging vows
- Lighting unity candles
- Exchanging kiss
- Signing marriage license
- With officiant
- Recessional
- In front of the church after ceremony
- Candid outside with guests
- Guests outside and inside the church. Some brides have elected to have shots done of all of the people attending the church ceremony.
- Couple leaving in limo

Formal Photo Shoot

- Bride Alone
- Groom Alone
- Bride & Groom together - various locations
- Bride with attendants
- Groom with attendants
- Bride with "the guys"
- Groom with "the girls"
- Bride with each attendant individually
- Groom with each attendant individually
- Entire Wedding Party
- Hands with wedding rings
- With children from wedding party
- With best man and maid of honour

Reception Photos

- Talking with guests at reception - receiving line
- First dance
- Cutting the cake
- Toasting
- With special guests
- Dancing and candids at the reception
- Wedding Cake before cutting
- Food or desert tables
- Organist and/or soloists
- Musicians
- Any decorations that you have spent a lot of time and energy putting together.
- Candid photos of everyone at the reception
- Photo of the invitation with bouquets, toasting glasses and table centerpieces