

Alex:

If you are reading this it means that I have passed on to my greater reward.

Today you asked my blessing for Annabeth to become your wife. I sincerely anticipate that her answer will be YES! I celebrate this decision.

With this said, I am taking this opportunity to depart some of my feelings and advice to you:

A son is a son until he gets married and or goes out on his own, but a daughter is a daughter forever to a father even after marriage. There are three bright stars in my universe, my wife and my two daughters. My life revolves around these three women as yours must now be around Annabeth.

As a father, my lifelong charge is to watch over them even after my daughters marry and leave home.

As you already know, Kitten is the apple of my eye (not that her sister isn't, but, Kitten is special). From the time she first wrapped her little hand around my finger, after she was born, my heart told me to protect and make this little gift happy. And so I have tried my best to do so and regarded it a privilege to do so.

You now must take over as her husband where I leave off.

Be strong for her but give her enough rein to pursue her dreams and ambitions...

Be tender for her when she needs you to be...

Respect her...without respect your relationship is empty.

Be faithful to her...no one deserves more of your loyalty than she.

Be generous to her but not to a fault...

Cherish her opinion...you are not the only one who has good ideas.

Be a partner to her...marriage is a joint venture (especially in financial matters)

Don't ever make her cry unless they are tears of joy...

Appreciate her...never take her for granted.

Honor her...take her as she is.

LOVE HER...above all (it makes the above so much easier)

There are so many other things to tell you about my little kitten but, son, you'll have to learn some things on your own. The baton has been passed to you.

In spirit, I'll be watching over you and Kitten.

Love,

Kitten's Dad