

## *Matthew and Sandy's Wedding*

First of all, for those of you who have known Matthew and me for awhile, who would have thought that he would be getting married before me? I guess I need to quit working so much and find a girl before I lose ALL of my hair.

Ok, now for the serious part. I've known Matthew for over 25 years I can definitely say that I have never seen him happier than he is now and I know Sandy is the reason for that. Sandy has said that Matthew is quick to size up people and I think I share that quality with him. I knew from the first time I met Sandy at the 2002 Coleman Rodeo that she was special and a perfect match for my brother. That early impression has been reinforced as I have spent more time with her over the last year and half.

If I could ask humanity to do one thing to make the world a better place, it would be to communicate more effectively. Most problems can be solved before they escalate into serious issues if you take the time to talk to someone. I want both of you to promise me and promise yourselves tomorrow that you will ALWAYS tell each other what's on your mind and never hold anything back. I am confident that is the foundation you currently have in place and that's why I have such high hopes for this marriage.

Sandy, like it or not, I am going to treat you like the sister I never had....so get ready. I want both of you to call me anytime day or night to let me know what is going on in your lives....both the positive and the negative. And I want both of you to come visit me in New York as often as you wish, but at least once a year. Sandy, if Matthew is traveling for work and can't come, then by all means come by yourself or with friends.

Our time on this world is very brief....make every day count. Appreciate every moment and take from those moments everything that you possibly can for you may never be able to experience it again. We live in the world's greatest free country and have opportunities available to us that few others share....please don't take these for granted. I know this marriage will give you the strength to live your lives with an increased appreciation of how very precious and fragile life really is.

Welcome to our family Sandy and congratulations to both of you. Dream big...nothing is impossible when you work together with the Lord. May God continue to bless your lives.