

Mother Of The Bride

Reverend Harris (Sides)

Afternoon light pours through the windows. Emily and David sit across from REVEREND HARRIS (60s, warm, grandfatherly). Wedding programs and ceremony notes are spread across the coffee table between them.

REVEREND HARRIS

The beauty of marriage is that it creates new family bonds while honoring the ones that shaped you. Your wedding day becomes part of your family's legacy. (beat) A story your children and grandchildren will hear for generations.

Emily's smile tightens almost imperceptibly. David notices.

REVEREND HARRIS (CONT'D)

Will your father be walking you down the aisle?

EMILY

(quietly)

My adoptive father... he passed away three years ago.

REVEREND HARRIS

I'm sorry. Perhaps another family member?

DAVID

(stepping in smoothly)

My father offered. If Emily's comfortable with that.

Emily nods, grateful but clearly affected.

REVEREND HARRIS

Family comes in many forms. What matters is the love and support surrounding you both.

David takes Emily's hand. She squeezes back, grounding herself in his presence.

EMILY

(recovering)

We're ready for whatever comes next.