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11 ways to honour your grandparents on your wedding day

Make your grandparents a special part of your wedding day

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Want to make your grandparents an important part of your wedding day? Whether they're still with you or not, here are some lovely ways to include beloved family members in your big day.

If they're still with you...

1. Ask a grandparent to do a special reading

Nothing will make your ceremony more memorable than a special reading from a grandparent. Ask them to choose something as a surprise or perhaps read something they had at their own wedding!

2. Ask to borrow a family heirloom from them

Need to cross your 'something borrowed' off the list? A special piece of jewellery is a

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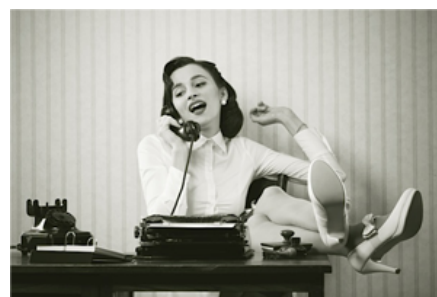
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3. Ask your grandma to be a flower girl or bridesmaid

The flower girl role is not just for kids! A pair of grannies look equally fabulous sprinkling confetti down the aisle.



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4. Ask you grandfather to be the ring bearer or be a witness

Also not just a job for little children. This is a chance for your grandad to have an important role in the ceremony.

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5. Give them a boutonniere or corsage

A little touch of florals will help to make your grandparents feel like party of the bridal party.

6. Give them your bouquet rather than throwing it

If your grandparents have had a long marriage, honour it by gifting them the bouquet rather than throwing it to the single girls.

6 ALTERNATIVES TO TOSSING THE BOUQUET

7. Ask them to take your first dance

Not a fan of the spotlight? Ask your grandparents to show you how it's done (although you might want to give them a bit of prior warning!) – hot a dry eye in the house guaranteed! Or you could ask your grandparents which song they danced to at their wedding and borrow it for yours.



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If they've passed away

Leave a seat for them

Mark a seat out for them in the ceremony and place a photo and a flower there. Every time you look out at your guests you'll see it and remember them.



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Create a 'family tree'

Select a special tree at your wedding reception and decorate it with photos of loved ones who are no longer with you.

☐ No, I'd rather not ask...

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Carry your loved ones with you, by attaching tiny framed photos to your bouquet ribbons.



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Burn a candle for them

Leave a candle burning throughout your ceremony to honour your lost loved ones.

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