

Wedding Gift to Daughter



Our daughter dreamed about her perfect wedding. She and her fiancé talked about how they wanted their wedding to occur. They wished to be married on the beach in Hawaii. Finally, they discussed their desire with my husband and me. We wanted them to have their dream, so we explored possibilities for making it come true.

My husband and I owned timeshare points we could use almost anywhere in the world. We realized we had enough points to provide three condos for a week at one of the resorts in Maui. So we booked the units for the time the couple chose as their wedding date. We were so excited to be able to give them a Maui wedding and honeymoon. The groom's parents would occupy one condo. The young couple and my husband and I would stay in the other two units. Now we had the accommodations in place.

As part of their wedding gift, we provided airline tickets to Maui. We booked the tickets together so we could all fly on the same plane. As the departure date got close, we all became more and more excited. Finally, the day arrived. We all boarded the airplane with visions of Maui in our heads. I'll never forget the looks on the young couples' faces as they viewed the shores of the island from the air for the first time. Both sets of parents were excited by their happiness and elation.

After we landed in Maui, we received the traditional island greeting as we were presented with leis. Then it was off to the car rental area. We surprised the couple with a convertible for their stay on the island. Unfortunately, when it rained, there were minor leaks in the roof of the car and they got a little wet. But they were so happy to be on Maui at last they didn't seem to mind it much.

We all settled in our condos. After that, we met on the beach to have cocktails and enjoy the sounds of the waves crashing onto the shore. It was as if we had landed in paradise. We had already contacted the people that plan weddings on the island, so we checked with them to see how events were progressing.

Because of recent rains, the ocean was covering a good portion of the beach. So the wedding planners suggested that the couple be married near the seawall in a lush rainforest garden on the premises of the resort. We could see and hear the ocean from our vantage point. My husband walked our daughter down the garden path toward her waiting groom. The wedding was beautiful and we all cried with joy and pride. My husband and I were overwhelmed with happiness at providing a dream wedding for our children. I still watch the wedding video and I still get tears in my eyes when I see it.