

# Unwilling godparents want names erased from certificate

Dear Abby: Several months ago, we lost a very dear friend to cancer. (I'll call him Joe.) My husband and I had become very good friends with Joe and his wife about two years prior to Joe's death. Three months before Joe died, his wife had a baby boy, and my husband and I were asked to be the baby's godparents. We felt honoured.

After we had become the child's godparents, Joe's wife confided (to me) that during her marriage with Joe, she had carried on an affair with another man, and she was sure that this other man is the father. Joe later confided to my husband that he doubted he was the father of this new baby because he had caught his wife "in the act" with her longtime boyfriend.

Abby, my husband and I agreed to be godparents to the child of Joe and his wife — not the child of Joe's wife and her lover.

Is there any way we can get our names erased from the church's registry as being the godparents of Joe's widow's child? Please check into this matter, as we are desperate.

Sorry we can't sign our names. This is a very small town.

### Unwilling godparents

Dear Unwilling: According to a spokesman for the Los Angeles Diocese, you cannot have your name

Dear Abby

with ABIGAIL VAN BUREN



erased from the baptismal certificate. You acted in good faith when you became godparents to the child. Please stay close to him, and try to be good friends to the little fellow regardless of who his parents are. He will need a positive influence in his life.

Dear Abby: I will be getting married very soon for the second time. We both have children from our first marriages. My son is very close to this wonderful man, and I wonder if it would be proper for my son, who is in elementary school, to give me away.

It will be a small wedding with only family and very close friends. My son and I have lived alone for several years, and I think he would love the honour. Thank you for your help.

### Second time around

Dear Second: There is no reason why your son can't give you away in

marriage. I think it's a lovely idea. All good wishes to you and your wonderful man.

Dear Abby: For the last three years, my husband and I have allowed our 24-year-old college-educated daughter to live at home without paying a dime. She has plenty of money to eat out, take vacations and go shopping — you should see her clothes and shoes. They have filled the guest closet until there is no room for anything else.

I told her about a year ago it would be nice if she helped with the electric bill or telephone bill, and I got a long sob story about how hard it was for her to make her car payments. We could rent her room for a good sum.

Abby, she has a job that pays her very well. I am no longer working, and her father would like to take it a little easier. He worked hard all his life. Please advise us.

### Tired

Dear Tired: Tell your 24-year-old college-educated daughter that the free ride is over and she will have to pay something for living at home. Be firm. Do not hesitate to tell her you need her financial support, and if she has a problem with that, she can start pricing other accommodations.



### Wedding vows

Miriam Howden, daughter of Arnold and Marie Howden, and Terrence Gracey, son of Robert and Alwyn Gracey, exchanged their wedding vows at Palermo United Church June 10. The couple now resides in Oakville.

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Members of the public are invited to attend an open house and public meeting to discuss Halton's role, contribution and response to the garbage crisis in the Greater Toronto Area.

Date: Thursday, January 11, 1990  
Time: Registration and Open House 6:30-7:15  
Panel Presentation and Public Forum 7:30-10:00  
Place: Senior Auditorium Ernest C. Drury School for the Hearing Impaired 255 Ontario Street, South (Hwy No. 25) Milton, Ontario

Directions: The school is located on the east side of Hwy. 25 approximately mid-way between Main Street and Derry Road. Use the second of the three entrances to the Campus and enter the building through the doors beneath the clock tower. The auditorium is on your left.

Hosted by: The Regional Municipality of Halton in co-operation with the Solid Waste Interim Steering Committee (SWISC)

Inquiries should be directed as follows:  
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