

GUESTBOOK

Clara & Alex

Everything that was said, laughed and toasted

19 September 2026

EVENT MEMORIES

Clara & Alex

A keepsake created with the words, photos and moments of everyone who was part of this day.

Thank you for being here, for writing and for leaving your mark on our story.

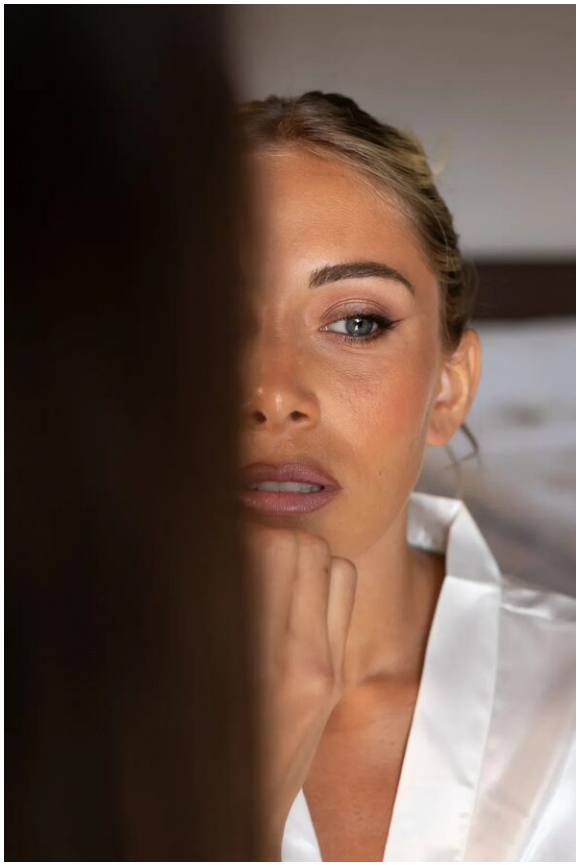
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You told me I wouldn't cry today and I'm on my third tissue. You're the best big sister there is, even if you stole my clothes for years. Alex, welcome to the family. And you know the deal: hurt her and I'm coming for you.

Lucy Ortega



I took this one while they were finishing your make-up: not a single nerve, just that “today's the day” look. Twenty years of notes, secrets and road trips brought me here, to watch you get married. Thank you for having me by your side. Love you.

Martha Bell



I found the convertible and I stand by it: it was that or my dad's car. Alex, from the kid who hid at break time to this guy in a green suit in a convertible: so proud. Clara, I don't know what you've done to him, but it works.

Jamie Santos



We saw you by the car, looking at each other as if nobody else were there, and we understood everything. Alex, we're so proud of you both. Frank says he didn't cry, but there are photos. Clara, welcome: there's a chair for you at Sunday lunch.

Rose & Frank



I found you sitting in that armchair, calm, flowers in hand, and I was the one who had to sit down. Alex, look after her: she's better than you and me put together. Clara, I'm proud of the woman you are. Thank you for letting me walk you to him.

Michael Ortega



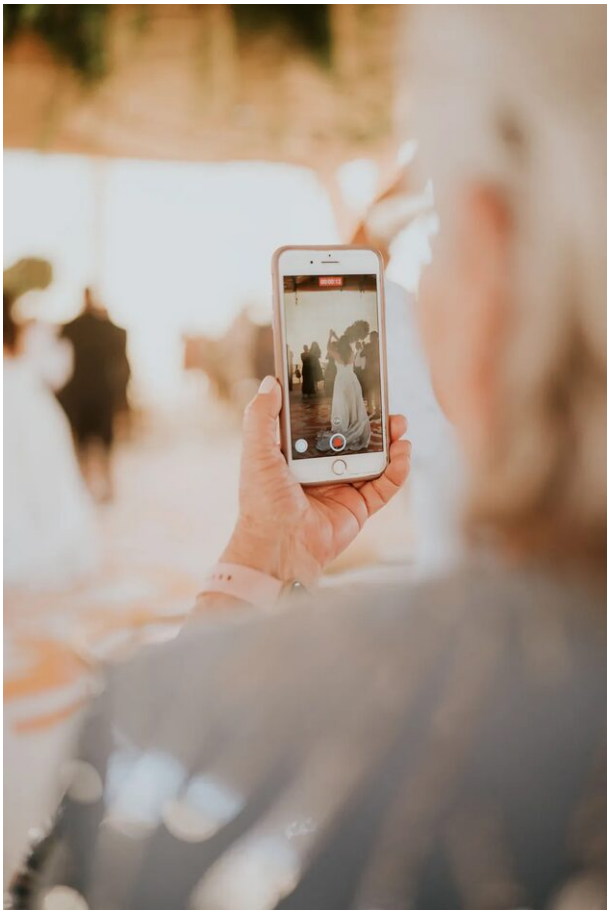
I read my speech off my phone because paper wasn't working, and my voice still shook. Mum cried from the first line. Brother, thank you for asking me to speak. Now you're stuck with me at every Christmas dinner. Love you, you pain.

Danny Reed



When you stepped out in that dress, the room went quieter than I've ever heard it. I thought: this is what someone who knows exactly what she wants looks like. Thank you for making me your bridesmaid, and for years of "come here, I need to tell you something".

Bea Cole



I filmed it all on the phone you gave me, even if half of it is crooked. At eighty-three I danced until my feet hurt and it was worth every step. Be as happy as your grandad and I were, and that's saying something.

Grandma Peggy



By one in the morning nobody was sitting down: even Uncle Ray was dancing under the lights. I've never seen a dance floor so full or a bride so happy. The cousins have a bet going: the next wedding is mine and you're all invited.

Paula Ortega



What a beautiful table, with so much eucalyptus it smelled like the countryside. Alex, as a boy you stole chocolate from every table; today the whole table was yours. Happiness makes you hungry, love. May life always taste like this.

Aunt Carol

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We met you in that flat with the fridge that was always empty. It was a mess and it was wonderful. We love you just as you are: half-finished plans and long hugs. Thank you for inviting us to watch the best part of your story carry on.

Ivy & George



Glasses up and a promise that none of us would cry. All three of us lied. Alex, you ask us for a favour and we do it, no questions asked. Clara, look after him: he's the calm one of the four and today we saw him shake. Kiss again!

Sam, Rob & Tony

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The little figures on the cake were your mum's idea and mine, and you nearly caught us. Two years living with you taught me that only Alex can put up with your mess and your music at seven in the morning. Love you both.

Nora Palmer



I hugged you on the dance floor and took a while to let go. When we were little you promised you'd be the first to get married and I'd be the last to cry. We both lied. Alex, you have my blessing, and my number for whenever you need it.

Paul Ortega



We toasted with you eighteen times, and that's only counting the ones in photos. Clara, the office isn't the same without your laugh in the meeting room, and today we heard you laugh more than ever. May you be as happy together as you've made us.

Clara's team

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Nine years at the desk next to yours and I had never seen you without a tie or without a deadline. Congratulations, Alex. And Clara, thank you: now I know why he turns up at nine with a smile.

Oscar Martin

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I watched Clara come down the stairs on her skateboard, and today I watched her walk down the aisle between white balloons. I had a lump in my throat. Alex, look after her the way I did on the landing. Be very happy, my dears.

Lola

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I couldn't be there, but I followed your photos and messages from my kitchen, with a glass of wine and wet eyes. I felt like I was there. I owe you a long hug at Christmas. Love you, Clara and Alex.

Tess Aguirre

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A tip from people one year in: the argument about who does the dishes always ends in laughter if you don’t drag it out. Leave each other notes around the house, keep every concert ticket and always have something to celebrate.

Mark & Ellen

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That's the end of my speech, because they tell me it's two in the morning. Three cheers for the happy couple!

Uncle Ray

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Clara, my doubles partner is leaving us for a wedding. You're forgiven, but Thursdays the court is still booked. Congratulations, Alex: you've won the hardest match in the club.

Sarah Mills

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When we met, Alex lived on frozen pizza and odd socks. Today, in a green suit with Clara by his side, he is living proof that miracles happen.

Greg Vega

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I held you at your christening and today I watched you get married. In between, nothing at all: my life flashed past. Alex, you've always been a good man, and now you have Clara, who makes you better. My door is always open to you both. With all my love.

Maureen Torres

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Clara, love: when I saw you walk together through everyone, with the balloons behind you, I had to sit down. Nine years watching you grow up next to Alex, and today we see it as clearly as you do. Cook together on Sundays; that's where everything gets fixed.

Carmen Bell

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Thank you for being part of this memory.