



Alternative Wedding Engagement Wording

Key Elements of Any Announcement

- Full names with honorific (Miss, Ms, Mr.) or professional titles (Dr., Professor, etc.)
- City and province of residence if not the same as the hometown of the newspaper
- Highest level of education of the couple
- Current employment
- More information may be provided---like how the couple got engaged, or plans for their future

Mr. and Mrs. William Smith of Winnipeg, Manitoba, announce the engagement of their daughter Susan Beatrice Smith to Dr. Tom Alfred Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones of Vancouver, British Columbia. A June wedding is planned.

Miss Smith, a graduate of the University of British Columbia, is a cardiology technician at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Ontario. Dr. Jones was graduated from the University of British Columbia and is employed as a Doctor with Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Ontario.

Divorced Parents

Key Elements of an Announcement

- Each parent is listed as an individual by their current legal names and places of residence
- The mother of the bride usually makes the announcement
- The father of the bride may make the announcement instead of the mother of the bride
- The divorced parents of the bride can also make a joint announcement
- Stepparents are not mentioned in a formal announcement unless he or she is an adoptive parent, or the natural parent is not a part of the bride or groom's life. Stepparents can be included in a lengthier announcement if so desired.

BRIDE'S PARENTS DIVORCED

Ms Rhonda Brown of Winnipeg, Manitoba, announces the engagement of her daughter Susan Beatrice Smith to Dr. Tom Alfred Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones of Vancouver, British Columbia. Miss Smith is also the daughter of Mr. William Smith of Regina, Saskatchewan. A June wedding is planned.

GROOM'S PARENTS DIVORCED

Mr. and Mrs. William Smith of Winnipeg, Manitoba, announce the engagement of their daughter Susan Beatrice Smith to Dr. Tom Alfred Jones, son of Mrs. Christine Black of Vancouver, British Columbia, and Mr. George Jones of Edmonton, Alberta. A June wedding is planned.

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT BY DIVORCED PARENTS

Ms Rhonda Brown of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Mr. William Smith of Regina, Saskatchewan, announce the engagement of their daughter Susan Beatrice Smith to Dr. Tom Alfred Jones, son of Mrs. Christine Black of Vancouver, British Columbia, and Mr. George Jones of Edmonton, Alberta. A June wedding is planned.

BOTH PARENTS DIVORCED

Ms Rhonda Brown of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Mr. William Smith of Regina, Saskatchewan, announce the engagement of their daughter Susan Beatrice Smith to Dr. Tom Alfred Jones, son of Mrs. Christine Black of Vancouver, British Columbia, and Mr. George Jones of Edmonton, Alberta. A June wedding is planned.

Deceased Parents

Key Elements of an Announcement

- The surviving parent makes the announcement
- If both parents are dead, a family member(s) may make the announcement
- When referring to the deceased parent, the honorific of Mr. (Mrs, Ms) has the option of being included or not.

BRIDE'S PARENT DECEASED

Ms Rhonda Brown of Winnipeg, Manitoba, announces the engagement of her daughter Susan Beatrice Smith to Dr. Tom Alfred Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones of Vancouver, British Columbia. Miss Smith is also the daughter of the late William Smith of Regina, Saskatchewan. A June wedding is planned.

GROOMS' PARENT DECEASED

Mr. and Mrs. William Smith of Winnipeg, Manitoba, announce the engagement of their daughter Susan Beatrice Smith to Dr. Tom Alfred Jones, son of Mrs. Christine Black of Vancouver, British Columbia, and the late Mr. George Jones of Edmonton, Alberta. A June wedding is planned.

BRIDE'S PARENTS (BOTH) DECEASED

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Smith of Winnipeg, Manitoba, announce the engagement of their granddaughter Susan Beatrice Smith to Dr. Tom Alfred Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones of Vancouver, British Columbia. Miss Smith is the daughter of the late Mr. And Mrs. William Smith. A June wedding is planned.

ALTERNATIVE WORDING: Miss Smith is the daughter of the late William and Rhonda Smith.

Divorced Bride or Groom

Key Elements of an Announcement

- If the bride is still young and under her family's care, the announcement wording is as if she is single, with the exception that the name used will be the name she has been using since the divorce.
- If the bride is older and independent of her family, the announcement is made following the 'couples announcing their engagement' format.
- Including information about the couple's parents is optional
- Some newspapers include information about the individual's previous marriage, as well as information about the children of the engaged couple

Ms Susan Beatrice Smith and Dr. Tom Alfred Jones are pleased to announce their engagement. Ms Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Dr. Jones is the son of Mrs. Christine Black of Vancouver, British Columbia, and the late Mr. George Jones of Edmonton, Alberta.

Couples Announcing Their Engagement

Key Elements of an Announcement

- This type of announcement is common if the couple is older or they do not have close family to make the announcement.

Ms Susan Beatrice Smith and Dr. Tom Alfred Jones are pleased to announce their engagement. Ms Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Dr. Jones is the son of Mrs. Christine Black of Vancouver, British Columbia, and the late Mr. George Jones of Edmonton, Alberta.

Groom's Parents Announce Engagement

Key Elements of an Announcement

- Used when the bride's parents don't live in the same country
- Used when the bride has no family
- Used when the bride prefers not to make her own announcement

The engagement of Susan Beatrice Smith, daughter of the late William and Rhonda Smith of Winnipeg, Manitoba, to Dr. Tom Alfred Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones of Vancouver, British Columbia is announced. A June wedding is planned.

Same Sex Engagement Announcements

Key Elements of an Announcement

- The same format is followed as for the above announcements
- The names of the couple are listed in alphabetical order in all announcements.

Mr. and Mrs. William Smith of Winnipeg, Manitoba, announce the engagement of their daughter Susan Beatrice Smith to Dr. Teresa Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones of Vancouver, British Columbia. A June wedding is planned.

Miss Smith, a graduate of the University of British Columbia, is a cardiology technician at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Ontario. Dr. Jones was graduated from the University of British Columbia and is employed as a Doctor with Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Ontario.

Final Tips.....

- Your newspaper will have lots of examples and can help you with the wording and format
- Look through the weekend newspaper where most of these announcements are put, and you will get more ideas of how you want your engagement notice to be