**WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY SHOT LIST**

**Formal Shot list: Wedding Day**

# Note: I’m proud that my style of photography is photojournalistic. This is the style you see on my website and if you’re reading this page, it’s the reason you hired me.

# During the course of a wedding day, I’ll capture events as they unfold around me.

# I’ll be happy to photograph any posed images you may desire. Some families want strict photojournalism so they can spend more time with guests which mean less time spent on posed formal group photos. Some families do end up wanting a lot of posed formal photographs: it’s up to you. We can do it all! Smile!

# This is a list of Possible Posed photographs: be creative and daring if you wish to do so. Also, be aware that a posed photograph can take 3-5 minutes to set up and capture; 12 posed photographs can add up to One Hour away from the guests who are anxiously waiting to celebrate with you and the family. If you have your list organized and the family members are paying attention then we’ll move along pretty fast.

Note:

Formal photography can happen ***after******the ceremony*** and ***before the reception***. It is very important that these photo sessions be organized. Be sure to inform all individuals that are required for these photos so they are ready. Exchanging cell phone numbers with them is a good idea in case there is a misunderstanding and communication is needed. Below you’ll find some suggestions to get you started if the family wants formals: **Make your list and figure out the time so it fits comfortably into your timeline and your desired photos: none of the “formals” are considered Creative Portraits so if you want those you have to save time for them!**

**FORMALS:**

BEFORE WEDDING:

*BRIDE: before wedding: in this order: approximately* ***35*** *minutes*

(Remember: do the math: 3-5 minutes per grouping)

* Bride with Bridesmaids (then add Flower Girl)
* Bride with Flower Girl
* Bride with Groomsmen (traditional and/or casual)
* Bride with Father and Mother
* Bride with Mother
* Bride with Father
* Bride only: (Full length, close up, in sanctuary, window light, outside: dependent on time and light)

*GROOM: before wedding: in this order: approximately****35*** *minutes*

(Remember: do the math: 3-5 minutes per grouping)

* Groom with Groomsmen (then add Ring Bearer)
* Groom with Ring Bearer
* Groom with Bridesmaids (traditional and/or casual)
* Groom with Father and Mother
* Groom with Mother
* Groom with Father
* Groom only: (Full length, close up, in sanctuary, window light, outside: dependent on time and light)

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**FORMALS:**

AFTER WEDDING: (remember: do the math: 3-5 minutes per grouping)

*BRIDE AND GROOM: after wedding: in this order: approximately* ***45*** *minutes*

* Bride and Groom with Minister / Priest: this allows the Minister / Priest to leave.
* Signing Marriage License (let photographer know when and where so it’s not missed)
* Bride and Groom with Grandparents (Brides then Grooms Grandparent’s then both couples together)
* Bride and Groom with Bride’s Parents
* Bride and Groom with Groom’s Parents
* Bride and Groom with both sets of Parents
* Bride and Groom with All Attendants: on correct sides then coupled (traditional and/or casual)
* Add: Flower Girl and Ring Bearer to the above group
* Bride and Groom alone: Excuse all guests for this session if Private Time is requested.

(Full length, close up, in sanctuary, window light, outside: dependent on time and light)

**ADDITIONAL CHOICES IF TIME PERMITS:**

(Remember: do the math: 3-5 minutes per grouping; a long list of formals can create an atmosphere where guests lose enthusiasm in your celebration.)

* Bride and Groom with Bride's extended family: then excuse family if not needed
* Bride and Groom with Groom's extended family: then excuse family if not needed
* Entire wedding party including Ring Bearer and Flower Girl (traditional and casual)
* Bride with each bridesmaid and flower girl
* Groom with each groomsman and ring bearer
* Groom with all the girls in wedding party (casual)
* Bride with all the guys in wedding party (casual)
* Bride with each parent individually
* Bride with her immediate family
* Bride with siblings (traditional and casual)
* Groom with each parent individually
* Groom with his immediate family
* Groom with siblings (traditional and casual)
* Bride and Groom with any other persons that they may request

**Note of Importance:**

Be sure to check with the powers-to-be at your ceremony location. If you are paying for the location then you can be energetic on asking for an environment that is well lighted. We are subtle and honor the ceremony process ... if you want close up photos of the ceremony be informed on Restrictions placed on the photographer during your ceremony. This is Important, we suggest that you don’t overlook this item so that you are not surprised on your wedding day by restrictions placed on the wedding photographer by the powers to be at the ceremony location.