

Acknowledge her parents' birthdays and anniversary

In-laws are sometimes a necessary evil of being married. And sometimes you love them, and sometimes you don't.

Something that many people don't stop to think about is that, without those parents your wife would not be in your life today. So why not celebrate that?

Your in-laws are people with feelings, too, and more often than not they want to be accepted by you as much as you want to be accepted by them. As with anyone involved in your life, especially your own parents, it is an act of goodwill to try to remember their special days, such as birthdays and anniversaries and acknowledge them. By offering a voluntary wish of "Happy Birthday" to your father-in-law you are extending courtesy, respect and acceptance to him that is indicative of the respect and courtesy you feel for his daughter. Wishing your in-laws a "Happy Anniversary" shows them that you understand that their marriage is special to them, as is your marriage to their daughter and that, if not for them and their happy marriage, you and your wife may not even be together at all.

Acknowledging your wife's parents' special days also shows your wife that you are accepting all aspects of her and her life and who she is, thereby giving her a sense of security and contentment with her marriage.