

Parents challenged by son's girlfriend

PERSONAL ADVICE
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Dear Abby:
My husband and I have always

had a close relationship with our college-age children. We often host their friends in our home, making certain they're comfortable, well-fed and welcome.

My son brought his girlfriend home for long weekends several times this year. Not once has she said thank you for meals, gifts or entertainment. When I asked her if the standing rib roast I had served was OK — it's my specialty — she said it wasn't cooked the way she likes it. She shows no interest in us, our home or the community in which our children grew up. She does offer to clear the table, but that's the extent of it. Upon leaving, she will say, "thanks."

With the exception of one brief e-mail, we have never received a written note.

We love our son, and he may love her. But we're not eager to clean, shop for, cook and host this young lady again. If our son wants to bring her home for another holiday, what do you suggest we say or do? — Disgusted in Seattle

Dear Disgusted:
While your feelings are understandable, and you may be tempted to tell your son what you have told me, bite your tongue. If you say anything negative about his girlfriend, it will make him defensive, and his instinct will be to defend her.

It would not, however,

be "attacking" her to gently share with him that you and his father were "disappointed" that you never received a thank-you note from his houseguest, and wonder if she was raised without having been taught the social graces.

Dear Abby: Last week my oldest daughter shocked me by informing me that her father had molested her and her sister many times when they were little. When I told her that I had known nothing about it, she screamed and called me a liar.

Abby, I was in great distress when my children were young. I didn't know what was going on. I divorced him when the two youngest were 5. He was an alcoholic and bipolar, in and out of jail and mental hospitals frequently. I would be in prison today had I known, because I would have killed him.

Now, 46 years later, I am asking your advice. Is there anything I can do to this child molester? He ruined both of our daughters' lives. My oldest has been drug and alcohol addicted for years. She is only now dealing with her addictions. He lives in a group home for bipolar people and often goes on rampages. — Houston Reader

Dear Reader: Talk to your daughters and ask them to report to police what happened to them. It would be a step in taking back control of their lives, and because their father may have done this more recently with other little girls, the police should know his history.

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CAROL & ED WOOD 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Carol and Ed Wood on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in Dayton on October 17, 1959. Carol and Ed have one son and daughter-in-law, Rod and Jenny Wood, and one daughter, Pamela Collins. They also have six grandchildren: Alex, Kyle, Kelly and Andrew Wood and Jacqueline and Jon Collins.



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Wedding



LORI STEWART & JONAH BASKIN WEDDING

Lori Elizabeth Stewart and Jonah Tyler Baskin were married on Saturday September 5th, 2009 at the Dayton Art Institute. Lori is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David Stewart of Beavercreek, Ohio and Jonah is the son of Kim Lukey of Huber Heights and William Baskin of Oregon, Ohio. Lori Stewart attended Beavercreek High School and Ohio University where she graduated with a business degree in Marketing and Merchandising. Jonah Baskin attended Northmont High School and Wright State University. He is serving in the Coast Guard and is stationed in Kodiak, Alaska. They will reside in Kodiak, Alaska after the wedding.

MALASHEVITZ/SKILLINGS WEDDING

The wedding of Angela Whitney Malashevitz and Jason Robert Skillings took place on September 12, 2009 at Salem Church of the Brethren, Union, OH. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Doug Jones. The Maid of Honor was Andrea Schoener, New Jersey. Attendants were Michelle Malashevitz, Bellbrook, OH, Jennifer Malashevitz, Bellbrook, OH. The Flower Girl was Kara Sue Snipes, Tipp City, OH. The Best Man was Chad Smith, Cincinnati, OH. Groomsman was Brian White, New Carlisle, OH & Groomsman/ Ring Bearer was William Malashevitz, Union, OH. Angela is the daughter of Steve Malashevitz, Union, OH who escorted her down the aisle and Mary Anne Malashevitz, Dayton, OH. She is attending Sinclair Community College. Jason is the son of Barbara Kain, Troy, OH and Robert Skillings, New Carlisle, OH. He is a graduate of Northwestern High School & University of Cincinnati. He is self-employed.

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