



You had to Ask – August 2008

I wonder if your son is less worried about your fiancée taking the place of your first husband and more worried about sharing you with him. You don't say if your new partner has already moved into your home but I would suspect that however pleased he may be to have a new DAD he will be fiercely possessive of you and your love. He may also feel the natural competitive force that comes through any masculine duo no matter what age. Ideally your partner will now need to show him that he is a friend and 'chum'; someone that your son can spend time with following 'manly' pursuits. You will need to reinforce your love for your son at this time, demonstrating that he is still incredibly important to you. Tell him that your new partner fulfils the role of supporter and friend for the three of you not just for you. Make sure you have time just with your son to reinforce this and for your partner to also have special bonding time with him alone. Men of all ages need a role and an identity so give your son some special duties and importance in your new family set up. Perhaps you could let him make some choices about the wedding day itself and give him a special role to play then as well. Love is the glue that will pull and hold you all together so make sure this is demonstrated at every opportunity. Good luck and congratulations for your wedding.

Love and blessings
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