

Find Out Why Bobbi Kristina Skipped Dad Bobby Brown's Wedding



Bobby Brown and

Alicia Etheridge celebrated their nuptials on June 18 in Hawaii and surrounded by friends and family, including Brown's three eldest children. However, Brown's only child with the late Whitney Houston, Bobbi Kristina, did not show up. Bobbi Kristina's refusal to attend the wedding made the occasion a little less joyous. "Bobby Brown was desperate for her to go to his recent wedding, but she would not return his calls," a source tells UsMagazine.com. Brown's troubled relationship with Houston that ended in their 2007 divorce made for a rocky relationship between him and his daughter, and his marriage to Etheridge has not helped matters. "She told them she was not going because she did not like Alicia, and that she was [busy]

filming her reality show with [aunt] Pat Houston in New York," an insider shares. Hopefully their relationship will have a happy ending, just as Brown's love life did.

How do you involve your children in a second marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

A second marriage can be bittersweet. It's a new love for you, but a potential heartache for your children. Here are some ways to ease the strain between you and your children if you're planning on marrying again:

1. Spend time with your kids and your fiancé together: You can't force your children to like anyone, but you can make sure they get to know the person who will soon be your partner. Whenever your children are with you, have your fiancé around. This ensures that your children get a chance to spend time and connect with both of you. When the wedding comes, it won't be a stranger kissing their parent.

2. Make sure they have a major role in the nuptials: Sitting on the benches during your wedding can make your children feel like they're taking a backseat position in your life. The last thing you want to do is make your new marriage seem distant and unfamiliar to your kids, so involve them in the ceremony. Make your daughter the flower girl and your son the best man, letting them feel like they are a part of your new marriage and life.

3. Involve your children in the wedding plans: Children are creative, and even your older kids will want a say in your wedding plans. The best way to get your kids to be excited for your second marriage is to let them decorate. From the color scheme to the type of flowers, little decisions can allow your kids to feel comfortable with the wedding and bond with your new partner.

How would you involve your children in a second marriage? Tell us below.