

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.

Bobby Brown Ties the Knot with Alicia Etheredge



On Monday, R&B star Bobby Brown tied the knot to manager Alicia Etheredge while visiting Hawaii to perform a New Edition concert. The recent groom originally popped the question to the new Mrs. Bobby Brown in 2010 during a sold-out concert, just three years after his divorce from the late Whitney Houston. He later opened up to [People](#), saying “I got my passion back for music and for loving myself because of her.” Family and friends were in attendance to support the couple, but Brown’s

daughter with Houston, Bobbi Kristina Brown, was absent because of her poor relationship with her father. Unfortunately, the newlyweds will not be spending their honeymoon in Hawaii due to forthcoming tour dates, but will at least continue traveling side-by-side.

What do you do if you don't have time for a honeymoon after your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

A honeymoon allows newlyweds to embrace the beginning of their new long-lasting marriage, but it's not always possible to spend the time or money to have one right away. Here are some great alternatives that will let you celebrate your new marriage even if a traditional honeymoon isn't an option:

- 1. Bring the honeymoon to you:** A honeymoon's significance isn't the location, but the meaning behind it. You can have relaxing days together and romantic dinners wherever you are.
- 2. Daring adventure:** Try a new activity that you might do on a honeymoon. For example, skydiving or swimming with sharks is a memory that you'll always share as something you did as a couple, even if you do it close to home.
- 3. Honeymoon suite:** Rent the honeymoon suite at a fancy hotel in the same area as your wedding. If you can't honeymoon for an extended period of time, you can at least get the honeymoon experience for one special night.

What would you do if you didn't have time for a honeymoon? Share your ideas with us.