

Celebrity News: Melanie Griffith Wishes Ex-Husband Antonio Banderas a Happy Birthday



By [Cortney Moore](#)

Melanie Griffith has surprised us all with a sweet birthday message for her famous ex, Antonio Banderas on August 10. According to [People.com](#), the starlet took to Instagram to send her loving regards, saying "Happy Birthday to my ruggedly handsome ex husband," and even adding, "Will always love you." However, Banderas had beaten her to the punch since he wrote his own special birthday Twitter post for Griffith (whose birthday is August 9) in Spanish a day before saying, "Happy

birthday Melanie, A loving hug from Marbella.” The former couple made [celebrity news](#) when they finalized their [celebrity divorce](#) in December 2015, after a 20 year long marriage. But as we can see through these adorable birthday posts, their celebrity divorce must have been amicable. If only all celebrity exes could be this cordial!

There's no animosity in this celebrity news! What are some ways to stay cordial with your ex?

Cupid's Advice:

Break-ups can be sad, but they don't have to end up being nasty. It's very possible to have a civil split from an ex. Let Cupid help you stay cordial with your ex:

1. Keep to yourself: Depending on the reasons you broke up, you might be tempted to speak badly about your ex. Don't do this! Keep any negative thoughts to yourself instead of sharing them with your family, friends or the internet.

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2. Refrain contact: End communication with your ex immediately after the split. This will prevent arguments and ensure that your break-up will be final. Only reach out to your ex if it's absolutely necessary, but don't talk about the past with them. There's no reason to bring up things that can lead to a fight.

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3. Focus on you: Another way to ensure you'll be cordial with your ex is to take time for yourself. Focus on you and your happiness and any other negativity will fall away. Being

content with yourself will also help you to move on in a healthy manner.

What are some ways you've remained cordial with an ex? Share your stories in the comments below.

Celebrity Exes Melanie Griffith and Antonio Banderas Reunite at Daughter's Graduation



By: Maria Capalbo

According to UsMagazine.com, celebrity exes Melanie Griffith and her ex-husband Antonio Banderas put all hostilities aside between them, and came together to watch their daughter, Stella, receive her diploma at graduation! Despite being divorced after their 19 years of celebrity marriage, Griffith and Banderas showed the great love they have for their successful daughter. Even though Griffith covered up the tattoo she got with Banderas' name on it, she could not cover up the joy she has for her daughter!

These celebrity exes aren't holding a grudge. What are some ways to remain amicable with your ex?

Cupid's Advice:

There's no doubt about the fact that break-ups and divorces are tough. In fact, they aren't always amicable. That being said, it's important to let go of your grudge before too long. Cupid's got some relationship advice:

1. Move forward from the past: Do not dwell on the past problems you and your ex-partner used to have, as that can lead lead to fighting. You have closed the door on them, and it is time to get over it and move on! No matter how much they might have hurt you, forgive and forget. It will only make you feel better in the end.

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2. Do not ask about their personal relationships: Being concerned with who your ex is now "seeing" or "talking to" can lead to jealousy and other problems. Do not wonder who they

are with, and keep it civil between the both of you. Worry about your next hot date instead of theirs!

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3. Keep in touch once in awhile: Just because they are your ex does not mean that you cannot be friends. Check up on them once in awhile to see how they are doing. Be there for them if they need someone to talk to on certain occasions!

What are some ways you've kept it civil between you and your ex? Comment below!

Melanie Griffith Erases Antonio Banderas From Heart Tattoo Post-Split





By Shannon Seibert

Melanie Griffith made quite the statement at Italy's Taormina Film Festival on Tuesday, June 17, by covering up her husband Antonio Banderas' name on her famous heart tattoo. The couple just recently split after being together for almost 20 years. Griffiths' signature heart tattoo was covered with a flesh patch and make up to cover her ex's name. The ink had been a trademark for their love since 1998 when it first debuted, according to UsMagazine.com.

What are some ways to show the world you love your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Being in love is one of the most riveting experiences. There is no reason you shouldn't shout your hearts desires from every roof top and valley you come across. Ink may not be your thing, and it doesn't have to be. Check out these special ways you can show your love and the world how you feel:

1. Make a documentary about your relationship: What says love like being all over the internet? With all of the cool gadgets

and gizmos there are plenty of ways you can digitally document your love story. We all get teary watching the proposal videos all over YouTube, there is no reason that your relationship doesn't deserve the same glory.

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2. Never stop dating: It sounds crazy, but some couples forget that they're still dating while in a relationship. Yes, you have found your significant other, but that doesn't mean you should stop courting them. Treat your love with the same attention that you did when you first got together, and the two of you will undoubtedly have a strong, lasting relationship that will be noticeable to everyone.

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3. Just being together: As corny as it sounds, everyone can pick up on a couple who is in love by the way they act together. If you're constant smiling with your honey, holding his hand, and he protectively holding on to you, people are bound to notice. The constant Facebook posts, the way he looks at you from across the room, and the way your eyes light up at the mention of his name are all indicators of love that cannot be fabricated. When you're in love, you can't force it, it's just there, naturally.

What are some big ways you've showed the world you love your partner? Tell us in the comments below!

Considering Divorce? Ask Yourself Three Questions



By Janeen Diamond for [Hope After Divorce](#)

“...great marriages are born when two people decide to come to the party!”

It's common knowledge that most of us, at one time or another, will consider divorce as an alternative to a difficult marriage. The truth is ALL marriages are difficult to some degree, and those of us who long for the fairy tale will be sorely disappointed. I have often said that great marriages are born when two people decide to come to the party! Marriages fail because someone decides the party isn't all that fun.

Sadly, Melanie Griffith and Antonio Banderas are divorcing after 18 years of marriage. Their news comes after living separate lives due to their conflicting work schedules. They may be saying their split is amicable and ending in a loving manner, but the reality is that they no longer choose to be a couple. They will now have to face dividing their combined fortune, rumored to be worth 50 million dollars.

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In talking with many divorced individuals, I've learned that expectations about sex, money, care taking, adoration, housekeeping, ways to spend leisure time, and a whole bunch of other individual traits are often born out of selfishness, immaturity, and insecurity and sometimes even based on a lack of experience with reality. I hope that doesn't sound negative, but the fact is we all bring our own stuff into our marriages, and often, our stuff doesn't exactly mesh with our spouse's stuff.

I met a couple several weeks ago who, between them, had experienced several divorces. The husband lamented that his first wife had cheated on him, his second wife just wouldn't give him enough attention, his third wife couldn't accept his children, and so on...

And this is the reason I try and focus on helping people stay in their marriages if at all possible! Because the cycle doesn't end. Issues will keep popping up no matter how many times you get married, because it isn't about the issues themselves – it's about the people in the marriage who are creating the issues. And until we fix the people...the issues will remain. In my opinion, a good counselor could absolutely help a couple facing infidelity, attention deficits, blending families, or any other problem that exists by focusing on the real issues we just talked about – selfishness, immaturity, insecurity, etc.

If you are seriously considering divorce, I want you to spend the next week asking yourself these three questions over and over until you have the answers solidified.

– **Will I be better off?** Will you be better off emotionally? Will you be better off or at least be able to sustain yourself financially? Will you be happier in the long run? Think of these questions in every possible scenario.

– **Am I okay with the thought of a new life?** If you are forced to move from your home, will your kids be okay with a new school and new friends? Will you be able to handle all the added responsibility? Think about all of the changes that will take place for you personally and figure out if, for you, these changes are manageable.

– **Have circumstances made it necessary for me to end this marriage – affairs or abuse?** If the affairs or abuse has stopped, is it possible to put things back together? The roadblock often comes when one partner doesn't want to put in the work or seek counseling and do what it takes in order to gain back the violated spouse's trust. These are serious problems, and you need to determine for yourself if indeed you will be better off leaving the marriage.

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Divorce is a big decision. Don't move forward with it until you have exhausted every attempt to fix things in your marriage. Once you are comfortable with your decision, whatever it is, move forward with conviction. I will root for you to go for the save!

For more information about Hope After Divorce, click [here](#).



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