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My mother used to tell me, "I hope you get married while I'm still alive." Those words have stayed with me ever since.

Over the past five years that we have been together, my partner and I have been determined to work hard so that we could celebrate our wedding while our parents was still with us. We organized our wedding ceremony together with the housewarming ceremony.

I am very excited because a lifelong dream has finally come true. During our wedding ceremony, I saw the smiles on both side of our parents' faces, our relatives, the village chief, and many members of our RoCK community came to celebrate with us wishes our warm shelter. Having them there made us feel deeply loved and supported.

What touched me the most was seeing how happy both of our parents were, especially when we presented them with the traditional Phka sla (Are-Ca Nut Flower) as a gesture of gratitude and respect. They smiled throughout the ceremony.

Another unforgettable moment was seeing my older brother attend our wedding. In the past, he had not accepted who I am. But on our wedding day, he came to celebrate with us and expressed his admiration for our effort and hard work that my partner and I had shown over the years. That meant so much to me, and I was deeply moved.

Now, I feel that I have achieved one of my greatest dreams. However, my journey does not end here. Pa Yun (one of RoCK's active members) and I will continue working for our community so that our community could have a voice to advocate for the Royal Government of Cambodia to recognize legal marriage equality.



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