Forever Yours Weddings



** the bride and groom are responsible for providing their own RED roses.

In the Red Rose Ceremony, the Bride and Groom give each other a Red Rose. Two roses are all that is necessary. The Rose Ceremony is placed at the end of the ceremony just before being pronounced husband and wife. In the old language of flowers, a single red rose always meant "I love you". The Rose ceremony gives recognition to the new and most honorable title of "Husband and Wife".

Ceremony

Today is a celebration of love, of commitment, of friendship, of family, and of two people who are in it forever.

We have thousands of important moments that happen throughout our lives, but this is regarded as one so critical, we acknowledge its special status by sharing it with others.

All of us here today have our own love stories. Some are short, others long. Some are yet unwritten, while others are just getting to the good part.

Today <u>Groom</u> and <u>Bride</u> proclaim their love and commitment to the world, and we gather here to rejoice, with and for them, and to help them start a new chapter their love story.

Vows

Groom do you take **Bride** to be your wife?

Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect her, forsaking all others and holding only unto her?

Bride do you take **Groom** to be your husband?

Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect him, forsaking all others and holding only unto him?

Ring Exchange

Groom, take **Bride's** ring, place it on her finger and repeat after me.

I <u>Groom</u> take thee, <u>Bride</u> to be my wife - to have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, and I promise my love to you forevermore.

Bride, take **Groom's** ring, place it on his finger and repeat after me.

I <u>Bride</u>, take thee <u>Groom</u> to be my husband. To have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, and I promise my love to you forevermore.

Wedding rings are an outward and visible sign of an inward spiritual grace and the unbroken circle of love, signifying to all the union of this man and this woman in marriage.

Rose Exchange

In the elegant language of flowers, red roses are a symbol of love, the giving of a single red rose is a clear and unmistakable way of saying the words "I love you." For this reason it is fitting that the first gift you exchange as husband and wife would be the gift of a single red rose.

Please exchange your first gift as husband and wife.

In every marriage there are times where it is difficult to find the right words. It is easy to hurt who we most love or be hurt by the one we most love. It might be difficult some times to say the words "I am sorry", "I forgive you", "I need you" or "I am hurting".

If this should happen, if you simply can not find these words, leave a red rose at that spot which both of you have selected. That rose than says the words that matter most, "I still love you". This should overpower all other things and all other words.

The other should accept this rose for the words which can not be found, and remember the love and hope that you both share today.

If there is anything you remember of this marriage ceremony, it is that it was love that brought you here today, it is only love which can make it a glorious union, and it is by love which your marriage shall endure.

Pronouncement

As the two of you come into this marriage uniting you as husband and wife, and as you this day affirm your faith and love for one another, I would ask that you always remember to cherish each other as special and unique individuals, that you respect the thoughts, ideas and suggestions of one another. Be able to forgive, do not hold grudges, and live each day that you may share it together - as from this day forward you shall be each other's home, comfort and refuge, your marriage strengthened by your love and respect for each other.

Although I'm officiating here today, it is not truly in my power to sanctify, legitimize or bless your relationship in any way, because the two of you have already done that in your hearts. So, by joining hands right now and looking into each other's eyes, let it be known that you are joined, body and soul in this lifetime, and that this bond is sacred and eternal.

It gives me gives me great pleasure to pronounce that you are Husband and Wife.

GROOM, YOU MAY NOW KISS THE BRIDE!

May I introduce for the first time, Mr. and Mrs. _____