

Forever Yours Weddings



**** the bride and groom are responsible for providing their own ROSE and VASE with WATER.**

Ceremony

Welcome family and friends.

In marriage, we give ourselves freely and generously into the hands of the one we love, and in doing so, each of us receives the love and trust of the other as our most precious gift. But even as that gift is shared by two people who are in love, it also touches the friends and family members who in various ways support and contribute to the relationship.

This is the time **Groom** and **Bride** have chosen to become husband and wife. We are here, not only to witness their commitment to each other, but also to wish them both every happiness in their future life together.

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 **Groom** take thee, **Bride** 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 **Bride**, take thee **Groom** 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 Ceremony

Groom hand **Bride** the rose

This rose is a symbol of **Groom's** love. It began as a tiny bud and blossomed, just as his love has grown and blossomed for you.

Bride place the rose into the vase.

Bride has taken this rose, as a symbol of her love. It has been placed it into water, a symbol of life.

For, just as this rose cannot survive without water, **Bride** cannot survive without you.

I ask of you, in remembrance of this day, **Groom** will give **Bride** a rose each year on your anniversary, as a reaffirmation of your love and the vows spoken here today.

Bride will then refill this vase with water each year, ready to receive the gift, in reaffirmation of the new life you have given and the vows spoken here today.

And so, this rose will be a symbolic memory of the commitment you have made here today.

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 great pleasure to pronounce that you are Husband and Wife.

GROOM, YOU MAY NOW KISS YOUR BRIDE!

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