

# Forever Yours Weddings



**\*\* the bride and groom are responsible for providing their own sand and jars. You can google ‘sand blending for wedding’ and you should get quite a bit of suggestions on the jars and the sand.. Pretty much any craft store will be able to help you out.**

~~~~~

## Ceremony

We are gathered here today to celebrate one of life's greatest moments, to give recognition to the worth and beauty of love, and to add our best wishes to the words which shall unite **Groom** and **Bride** in marriage.

**Groom** and **Bride** have come together in the hope that the love which brought them to this union may go beyond itself into the lives of others. Yet, they know it is not easy to build a deep, personal relationship, even in marriage. Thus, we ask that the promise and hopes of this union be realized.

- ♥ Grant these two the patience to listen, the capacity to understand, the compassion to give comfort, and the joy to laugh and to be.
- ♥ Let their marriage make a home where neither person is a stranger.
- ♥ Let it offer illumination and growth.
- ♥ Let it bask in the joy of giving and in the excitement of shared discoveries.
- ♥ Let it be large enough to endure the darkness of things.
- ♥ May silence and despair never separate them
- ♥ May they always return to each other.

## Vows & 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.

## Sand Blending

You have just sealed your relationship by the giving and receiving of rings and this covenant is a relationship pledge between two people who agree that they will commit themselves to one another throughout their lives. The most beautiful example of this partnership is the marriage relationship. You have committed here today to share the rest of your lives with each other.

Today, this relationship is symbolized through the pouring of two containers of sand, one representing you, **Groom**, and all that you were, all that you are, and all that you will ever be, and the other representing you, **Bride**, and all that you were, all that you are and all that you will ever be.

Please hold your containers of sand

The separate containers of sand you hold represent your lives to this moment; individual and unique. As these two containers of sand are poured into the third container, the individual containers of sand will no longer exist, but will be joined together as one.

Please pour the sand into the third container to symbolize the union of your two lives.

Just as these grains of sand can never be separated and poured again into the individual containers, so will your marriage be.

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.

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. And now that you have stood before me and exchanged these rings and these vows, 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. \_\_\_\_\_*