

Traditional Vows with Rose Ceremony

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here today (tonight) to join this man and this woman in (holy) matrimony.

"Who gives this woman to this man?" (This can be deleted if no one is giving away the bride.)

Exchange of vows:

(Groom's name____) Do you take this woman to be your wife, to live together in (holy) matrimony, to love her, to honor her, to comfort and to keep her, in sickness and in health, forsaking all others as long as you both shall live?

"I do" or "I will"

(Bride's name____) Do you take this man to be your husband, to live together in (holy) matrimony, to love him, to honor him, to comfort and to keep him, in sickness and in health, forsaking all others as long as you both shall live?

"I do" or "I will"

Repeat after me:

"I _Groom____, take you ____Bride____, to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, til death do us part."

I __Bride_, take you ____Groom_, to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, til death do us part."

Exchange of rings:

The groom is asked to place the ring on her finger and repeat the following:

"I give you this ring as a token and pledge of our constant faith and abiding love." Repeat for the bride.

Couples Rose Presentation

"Your gift to each other today has been your wedding rings - which shall always be an outward demonstration of your vows of love and respect; and a public showing of your commitment to each other.

As husband and wife, your first gift to each other will be a single rose.

In the past, the rose was considered a symbol of love, and a single rose always meant one thing..."I love you." So it is fitting that for your first gift - as husband and wife - it would be a single rose.

Please exchange your first gift as husband and wife.

(Bride and Groom pass a single rose to each other)

Groom and Bride I would ask that where ever you make your home in the future that you both pick one very special location for roses; so that on each anniversary of this truly wonderful occasion you both may take a rose to that spot both as a recommitment to your marriage - and a recommitment that THIS will be a marriage based upon love.

In every marriage there are times where it is difficult to find the right words.

It can be difficult some time to say the words "I am sorry" or "I forgive you"; "I need you" or "I am hurting". If this should happen, if you simply can not find these words, leave a rose at that spot which both of you have selected - for that rose than says what matters most of all and should overpower all other things and all other words.

That rose says the words: "I still love you."

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.

Groom and Bride if there is anything you remember of today, 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:

The couple is asked to join hands.

"By the virtue of the authority vested in me under the laws of the State of Florida,

I now pronounce you husband and wife. You may kiss the bride."

After the kiss, "Ladies and gentlemen, I proudly present you Mr. and Mrs. _____"