



Welcome, thank you for helping us celebrate the union of Groom and Bride. Groom and Bride your relationship can be best described as a friendship that caught on fire. It began when you met (when, where, any details you wish to share) From your first date, there was never an awkward moment between you, you soon fell in love and that love is what brought you here today, we all wish you much love and happiness in your future life together.

A special and respectful acknowledgement must also be made to those friends and family members who were unable to attend, or have passed on, but whose spirit remains alive and strong in all our hearts.

Happiness in marriage is not something that just happens. It is created from a way of looking at the world that focuses more on the little victories and miracles than on the problems.

It's seeing the good possibilities in each situation, rather than focusing on the fears and worries. Happiness is often found hiding out in the mundane moments of life

It's holding hands, a secret smile, watching a sunsets, making dinner together, an unexpected "I love you"...."you make me happy".

It's found in the quiet and not so quiet moments of learning and knowing about the other.

It's standing together to face the world, and creating a circle of love that encircles the entire family.

It's making love the core of your marriage and happiness it's spirit.

It is written that

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love does not fail.

Your love for each other is what brought you here today.

When you love someone, the best you can offer them is your presence.

To be there for the person you love is to not be preoccupied with the past or the future, you are there fully in the moment for your beloved.

And because you are fully there, you recognize the presence of the one you love as something very precious. To be loved means to be recognized as existing, it is being present for and to each other.

These hands that you are holding today are the hands of your best friend. These are the hands that will work alongside yours, as you build your future together. These are the hands that will hold you, love you, and cherish you thru the years and with the slightest touch will comfort you and give you strength like no other.

These are the hands that will hold your children and lastly these are the hands that even when aged and wrinkled will still be reaching for yours, giving you still that same unspoken tenderness with just a gentle touch.

Groom and Bride, today you are making a commitment of your eternal love for one another and understanding the sacred contract you are about to make are you now prepared to make your wedding promises to each other?

Groom and Bride will now read their prepared vows.

The rings please...these rings symbolize the unbroken circle of love, love freely given has no beginning and it has no end, may your rings always remind you of the promises you will make here today. Place rings on fingers with no words.

Groom and Bride

The containers of colored sand on the table represent your two individual lives, your unique beauty, personality, character, talents, ways you experience life.

Bride please take your vial of sand and pour it into the container. Groom please take your vial of sand and pour yours into the container. And now Groom and Bride, together please take the vial of white sand representing you are now joined together as one and pour it into the container. Just as these grains of sand can never be separated and poured again into the individual vials so will the love and bond between you render you inseparable.

Groom and Bride, today you have made a lasting commitment to share the rest of your lives with each other.

Let the power of your love make you happy and the strength of your dedication to each other make you inseparable.

Be close but not too close, be understanding and patient with each other. For each of you have your journey of life. Storms will come but they will pass quickly. Find the humor in the moment.

Now, you will feel no rain for each of you will be shelter to the other. Now you will feel no cold, for each of you will be warmth to the other. Now there is no more loneliness. Now you are two persons, but there is only one life before you.

Groom and Bride because you promised to give yourselves to one another and to love one another, which has been symbolized by the sharing of vows, the giving and receiving of rings, and the pouring of sand, with the blessings of your family and friends and by the powers vested in me by the State of Oregon I now pronounce you husband and wife.

Kiss now and seal your love.

(How do you wish to be introduced? Mr. and Mrs. ? Groom and Bride as husband and wife? )