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Creative Custom Ceremonies For All Occasions



'Rose Ceremony'

The Rose Ceremony is one of my favorite ceremony additions. I have presented the following options as three separate ceremonies, but Ceremonies 1 and 2 can also be performed together as one where, instead of stopping at the end of Rose Ceremony #1 we just continue right into Rose Ceremony #2.

Once again, I encourage you to make any changes, additions and/or deletions you like in order to create a ceremony that is just right for the two of you.

Rose Ceremony #1

Marriage, like life, is a beautiful and ever changing journey. The marriage that you are entering into today is unlike any other and will be filled with its own unique ups and downs, its rough parts and its smooth parts. The same is true of these roses.

Every rose is unique; no two are exactly the same. Look at their stems and notice that they are primarily smooth and refined and that, at irregular intervals, a thorn or a bump appears.

As we travel along the smooth surface of the stem and circumnavigate the thorns, we arrive at the magnificent rose petals, legendary in their beauty. Let the petals of the rose always remind you always of the gifts that await you both along the beautiful and ever changing journey that is to be your marriage. Let them remind you that the journey is truly worth it; that at the end, the beauty that is everlasting love, is well worth the bumps and the spikes along the way.

At this time, I would like to present you each with a rose as a symbol of the journey you begin today.

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Rose Ceremony #2

<Bride> and <Groom>, you each hold in your hands a single red rose.

Roses have long been a cherished symbol of love, and the gift of a single red rose unmistakably says, “I love you.” It is in keeping with this tradition that you have each chosen to give one another the gift of a rose on your wedding day.

Please, exchange your gifts of roses as a sign of your love for one another.

(Bride and Groom, offer the roses to each other)

<Bride> and <Groom>, I would ask that wherever you make your home, now, and in the future, that you both pick one very special location for roses.

In every marriage there are times where it is difficult to find the right words to say what’s in your heart. It may be difficult at times to say “I’m sorry”, “I forgive you”, “I need you” or “I am hurting.” If ever this should occur and you discover that, indeed, you are unable to find the words to express yourself in this manner, simply leave your spouse a rose in your specially designated spot.

The rose that you leave shall represent the words; “I still love you.” Your spouse can accept this rose for the words that cannot be found, and remember 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.

(Couple can carry the roses out with them as they leave)

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Rose Ceremony #3

In the elegant language of flowers, red roses are a symbol of love, and 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 be the gift of a single red rose.

Groom takes one of the roses and presents it to the Bride, saying:

<Bride>, take this rose as a symbol of my love. It began as a tiny bud and blossomed, just as my love has blossomed and grown for you.

Bride takes the other rose and presents it to the Groom, saying:

<Groom>, take this rose as a symbol of my love. Once closed so tightly, it opened to the warmth of the sun, just as my heart has opened to the warmth of your kindness.

Officiant: <Groom> and <Bride>, in remembrance of this day, I would ask as a reaffirmation of your love and of the vows you have spoken here today that you give each other a single red rose each year on your anniversary.

In every marriage there are times when it is difficult to find the right words. So, I would also ask that wherever you may make your home, that you choose a special spot. And at those times when words fail, that you leave a red rose at that spot you have both selected -- a rose that will say what matters more than all other words..."I love you."

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