

JoannB & JohnH
MARRIAGE CELEBRATION
May 27th, 2017

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here today, to celebrate life's greatest moment between two people; to give recognition of the love and devotion that **John and Joann** share for one another; and to celebrate with them as they join together in marriage.

Now, I've never met a father who was willing to give away his daughter, so instead I ask you, **Steve**: do I have your blessing for this marriage?

John and Joann, today you embark on the most significant journey two people can face together, and you have chosen one another to be the source of support and happiness that each of you will need along the way. You have arrived at this moment because you are both certain of the strength of your love and its ability to last a lifetime.

Always remember that love is the greatest gift that you can give to one another. Be mindful of the vows you make here today and carry them with you always, inside your hearts and in all that you do. As husband and wife, you must give the highest priority to the tenderness, kindness, respect, and dedication that marriage deserves. When facing the obstacles that are sure to arise in life, always remember this day, and the everlasting, unbreakable love that you have proclaimed together before us all, and that just as your love is unbreakable, so too is your bond. It is now my great honor to ask you these questions:

Do you John take Joann to be your wife--
Will you regard her as your partner and closest friend,
In times of plenty and in times of need, in sickness and in health?
Do you promise above all else to honor her, to live in truth with her;
To give her your whole heart, and to grow with her;
And do you pledge your love, devotion and faith to her
As you join your life eternally to hers?

John: I do.

Do you Joann take John to be your husband--
Will you regard him as your partner and closest friend,
In times of plenty and in times of need, in sickness and in health?
Do you promise above all else to honor him, to live in truth with him;
To give him your whole heart, and to grow with him;
And do you pledge your love, devotion, and faith to him
As you join your life eternally to his?

Joann: I do.

May we have the rings please?

John you will repeat after me:

I take you Joann to be my wife/
With this ring, I promise/
To be your Sunlight in the morning, and your Stars at night/
To light your way in darkness, and guide your path when it's unclear/
I give you my hand to hold, and my heart forever to keep.

Joann you will repeat after me:

I take you John to be my husband/
With this ring, I promise/
To be your Sunlight in the morning, and your Stars at night/
To light your way in darkness, and guide your path when it's unclear/
I give you my hand to hold, and my heart forever to keep.

Joann and John, just as you have promised to be one another's Sunlight and Stars, may the rings you've exchanged symbolize the eternal love affair of the heavens—each body relying on the other to maintain the balance and structure necessary to forever encircle one another, regardless of what may transpire between them. Your marriage will require trust to take leaps of faith together, and for one another, into unknown frontiers. It will require humility and honesty to learn from each other, and to grow together. And it will require, above all else, true commitment to the vows of unending love you have made to each other today. May your lives together, sealed by these sacred vows of marriage, be long, prosperous, and abundant with happiness.

By the power vested in me, I hereby pronounce you husband and wife. **John**, you may kiss your bride.

(After Kiss)

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to present to you, Mr. and Mrs. **John and JoannH**, husband and wife.