

Foot Prints on Our Hearts

Welcome family and friends,

_____ & _____ have chosen the simplicity of the beach for their wedding day, the beauty unruffled by the imperfections of the outside world, the delicate arrangement of colors created by nature itself, the serenity in the natural sounds around us. We have love in the air and footprints in the sand. However Footprints in the sand are washed away unlike the footprints left in our hearts which is said best by Flavia Weedn...

Reading: ~by Flavia Weedn~

*Some people come into our lives
and leave footprints on our hearts
and we are never ever the same.*

*Some people come into our lives
and quickly go... Some stay for awhile
and embrace our silent dreams.*

*They help us become aware
of the delicate winds of hope...
and we discover within every human spirit
there are wings yearning to fly.*

*They help our hearts to see that
the only stairway to the stars
is woven with dreams...
and we find ourselves
unafraid to reach high.*

*They celebrate the true essence
of who we are...
and have faith in all
that we may become.*

*Some people awaken us
to new and deeper realizations...*

*for we gain insight
from the passing whisper of their wisdom*

*throughout our lives we are sent
precious souls...
meant to share our journey
however brief or lasting their stay
they remind us why we are here.*

To learn... to teach... to nurture... to love

*Some people come into our lives
to cast a steady light
upon our path and guide our every step
their shining belief in us
helps us to believe in ourselves.*

*Some people come into our
lives to teach us about love...
The love that rests within ourselves.*

*Let us reach out to others
and feel the bliss of giving
for love is far richer in action
that it ever is in words.*

*Some people come into our lives
and they move our souls to sing
and make our spirits dance.*

*They help us to see that everything on earth
is part of the incredibility of life...
and that it is always there
for us to take of its joy.*

*Some people come into our lives
and leave footprints on our hearts
and we are never ever the same.*

Address:

_____ & _____ your friends and family have all left footprints on your hearts and that is what helped make you into the people you are today and now Today _____ & _____ you are forever leaving footprints on all of your family and friend's hearts as they witness and celebrate with you on your wedding day. You are also leaving footprints on each other's hearts that can never be washed away for today in a few short moments your single individual lives will become one never to be the same again.

_____ & _____

*Relationships of all kinds are like holding sand in your hand
Hold it loosely with an open hand, the sand remains where it is
the tighter you grasp it, the faster it trickles through your fingers*

*Hold your relationship loosely
with respect and freedom for the other person
it is likely to remain intact
but hold it too tightly, too possessively
then it will likely slip away.*

*Don't take for granted
the things closest to your heart;
cling to them as you would your life,
for without them life is meaningless.*

If you are ready to commit to your lives as one union, please face each other and join hands:

Vows

Option 1 : Repeat after Vows

_____, repeat after me: I, _____, take you _____, to be my wedded 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 as long as we both shall live.

_____, repeat after me: I, _____, take you _____, to be my wedded 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 as long as we both shall live.

Option 2: Respond "I Do" Vows:

Groom Do you take bride to be your wedded wife? (I DO)

Do you promise to be a tender faithful husband? (I Do)

Do you promise to Love, Honor and cherish her in sickness and in Health, for richer or poorer, for better or for worse as long as you both shall live? (I Do)

Bride Do You take Groom to be your wedded husband? (I DO)

Do you promise to be a tender faithful wife? (I Do)

Do you promise to Love, Honor and cherish him in sickness and in Health, for richer or poorer, for better or for worse as long as you both shall live? (I Do)

Option 3: Your own vows

Rings:

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Rings are a precious metal; they are also made precious by us wearing them. Your wedding rings are special they enhance who you are. They mark the beginning of your long journey together. Your wedding ring is a circle a symbol of love never ending. It is the seal of the vows you have just taken to love each other with end.

_____ please place the ring on Brides left hand and repeat after me:

A: I give you this ring as a symbol of my vows, I promise to love you today tomorrow always

B: I give you this ring that I am bound to you always through my love, with my soul and all of my heart

C: I give you this ring as a sign of my love that I have chosen you above all else with this ring I thee wed

Sand Ceremony:

A: Sand & Vase Ceremony

_____ & _____ you have proclaimed your love to each other through your wedding vows and exchange of rings. Your lives and your hearts have become one. As a symbol of this joining, I ask you to pick up your individual vases which represent your two separate lives and join the

sand into your heart shaped vase, symbolizing the joining of your hearts in marriage. Please pour your sand and repeat after me: Just as the grains of sand are joined together I join my heart to yours.

Please seal the vase and place it in a special location in your home. This will always be a quiet reminder of the love you shared here on your wedding day. Remembering, you have sealed your love, and your hearts, as one in marriage here today.

B: Sand & Seashell Ceremony

_____ & _____ you have proclaimed your love to each other through your wedding vows and exchange of rings. Your lives and your hearts have become one. As a symbol of this joining, I ask you to pick up your individual shells which represent your two separate lives and join the sand into your heart shaped vase, symbolizing the joining of your hearts in marriage. Please pour your sand and repeat after me: Just as the grains of sand are joined together I join my heart to yours.

Please seal the vase and place it in a special location in your home. This will always be a quiet reminder of the love you shared here on your wedding day. Remembering, you have sealed your love, and your hearts, as one in marriage here today.

Closing:

There is no way to happiness, Happiness is the way! so, treasure every moment that you have and Treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time...and remember that time waits for no one. Happiness is a journey, not a destination. Work like you don't need money, Love like you've never been hurt, And dance like no one's watching.

Pronouncement

Rejoice today and celebrate your love

_____ & _____ you have before all of your family and friends proclaimed your love for each other, your symbol of that love by exchanging rings and pouring of sands by the power vested in me I now pronounce you husband and wife

Kiss

Celebrate your love with your first kiss as husband and wife!

Unique first gift of roses

One of the greatest joys of being an Officiant is that I am the first one to speak to the newlyweds as husband and wife...which you now are. Congratulations!

I'd am privileged to give you your first gift. I'd like to give a rose to each of you as these roses symbolize the love between the two of you and what we have witnessed here today.

Now that I have given you each a gift, I would like each of you to give each other your first give of love to each other as husband & wife.

Parents, family & friends:

Today we have witnessed our bride and grooms begin this ceremony as individuals. We witnessed them become united as one as a married couple. In doing so they united more than themselves. They united two separate families. I was privileged to give them their first gift as a married couple, they then had the opportunity to give their first gift to each other And now as a symbol of this marriage, I'd like then to have the privilege to present the rose that they are now holding to their new Mother-In-Laws

(Please face your guests)

Introduction

Family and Friends put your hands together for Mr. & Mrs. _____!