

Who gives this bride to this man?

Family, Friends, Jean and Whitney:

It is often said that it is love that makes the world go round. However, without doubt, it is a friendship which keeps our spinning existence on an even keel. True friendship provides so many of the essentials for a happy life. It is the foundation on which to build an enduring relationship. It is the mortar which bonds us together in harmony, and it is the calm, warm protection we sometimes need when the world outside seems cold and chaotic. True friendship holds a mirror to our foibles and failings, without destroying our sense of worthiness. True friendship nurtures our hopes, supports us in our disappointments, and encourages us to grow to our best potential.

Whitney and Jean came together as friends. Today, they pledge to each other not only their love, but also the strength, warmth and most importantly, the fun of true friendship.

Love is a friendship that has caught fire. It is a quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It is loyalty through good and bad. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weakness. Love is content with the present. It hopes for the future and it doesn't brood over the past. It's the day in and day out chronicles of irritations, problems, compromises, small disappointments, big victories, and working toward common goals. If you have love in your life, it can make up for a great many things you lack. If you don't have it, no matter what else there is it is not enough.

Vows:

I ask you at this time to please face each other and join hands:

I Jean take you Whitney to be my wife from this time onward, to join with you to share all that is to come, to be your faithful husband, to give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond, a commitment made in love, kept in faith, and eternally made new

I Whitney take you Jean to be husband from this time onward, to join with you to share all that is to come, to be your faithful wife, to give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond, a commitment made in love, kept in faith, and eternally made new

Rings:

May I have the rings?

Jean place the ring you have selected on Whitney's left hand and repeat after me:

With this ring I thee wed

Whitney place the ring you have selected on Jean's left hand and repeat after me:

With this ring I thee wed

Sand & Vase Ceremony

Jean and Whitney 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.

Jean and Whitney:

Live like there's no tomorrow, love like you'll never be hurt, and dance like there's nobody watching. Remember to remember Love!

May you always feel as close as you do this day. May your lives be graced with good health. May you always find happiness in your home, and may it be a refuge from the storms of life. May your love grow ever stronger as you share your lives together, and may your future be even more wonderful than you dreamed possible.

Pronouncement & Kiss

Jean and Whitney I now pronounce you husband and wife. You may seal your vows with a kiss

Introduction:

Family and friends may I introduce to you for the first time Mr. & Mrs. (lastname)!