

Rose Ceremony

Your gifts to each other today has been your wedding rings – which shall always be an outward demonstration of your vows of love and respect; and a public showing of your commitment to each other. As husband and wife, your second gift to each other will be a single rose. The rose is considered a symbol of love, and a single rose means one thing ... “I love you.” It is fitting that your first gift to each other as husband and wife would be a single rose.

Please exchange your gift of love as husband and wife.

In a way it seems like you have not done anything at all. Just a moment ago you were holding one small rose and now you are still holding one small rose. But in fact, just now, you both have given and received one of the most valuable and precious gifts of life – one I hope you always remember – the gift of true and abiding love within the devotion of marriage.

In every marriage there are times where it is difficult to find the right words. It is easiest to hurt whom we most love and it is easiest to be most hurt by who we most love. It can be difficult sometimes to say “I am sorry” or “I forgive you”, “I need you”, or “I am hurting”. If this should happen, if you simply cannot find these words, leave a rose at the spot which both of you have selected – for that rose than says what matters most of all and should overpower all other things and all other words. That rose says, “I still love you.” The other should accept this rose for the words that cannot be found, and remember the love and hope that you both share today. BRIDE & GROOM’S NAMES, 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.”