

Funny Marriage Ceremony Officiant Script

Welcome

Officiant: Everyone please sit. First, I'd like to begin by welcoming everyone and thanking every one of you for being here on this happiest of days. It's no accident that each of you is here today, and each of you was invited to be here because you represent someone important in the individual and collective lives of NAME and NAME. I truly can't think of a better venue than _____ ["paradise" for a destination wedding, "this beautiful church" for a more religious affair, etc.] for an occasion that I know is not only monumental for the wedded couple to be but for all of us who are lucky to know and love them as individuals; but even more so as a perfect pairing. The most remarkable moment in life is when you meet the person who makes you feel complete. The person who makes the world a beautiful and magical place. The person with whom you share a bond so special that it transcends normal relationships and becomes something so pure and so wonderful, that you can't imagine spending another day of your life without them. For NAME, that happened about 20 years ago when s/he met me and we became best friends [add some humor if your officiant is a friend]. But about X years ago s/he met NAME, who is pretty wonderful, too. I know how deeply these two care for and love one another, and I feel privileged to be here today among all of you as a witness of their commitment to a lifetime of love for one another.

I think I've had the good fortune to meet most of you here today at some point or another, but for those of you whom I haven't met, my name is [short biographical info about how the officiant knows the couple].

The Love Story

"Officiant: Now, NAME and NAME have asked that I keep this speech short, classy, and family-friendly, and politely asked me to leave out stories that are unflattering to either of them. So I've had to redline stories about previous flings...drugs or alcohol...encounters with the police...but I do feel comfortable saying, "I told you so." This is exactly what I said when I learned that NAME and NAME's relationship was becoming truly serious.

As a third-party spectator to their developing love, it was extremely clear that the two of them represent a perfect pairing because each of them complements the other so well. They balance one another, and while each of them is a tremendous individual on their own, together they are even better. And being better together, as a team, a

unit, and partners in crime, is what has been many years in the making and ultimately leads us to be here today, witnessing their commitment to one another in front of those they love most.

I wish I could tell you a single story about NAME and NAME that summarizes their relationship and how they enrich each other's lives, and the lives of each of us, but the truth is there isn't one single event that is a good encapsulation of what they mean to me, to each other and all of us. But what I do know is that both of them care deeply and passionately for each other; they protect each other; they make each other laugh and think outside themselves; that time magically seems to both fly and slow down when they're together. They help each other in ways that are obvious and unnoticed but always appreciated.

I also know that it's not just anyone with whom you can have communication with simply a look, or remember the weirdest names of each other's lift drivers, or surprise each other with reservations at a restaurant you've been eyeing for years, or say "I'm sorry" every time it's warranted (...eventually). They do that for and with each other.

But it's also my personal experiences with NAME and NAME that highlight the quality of their love. It doesn't matter if I'm with them in person, or simply in a bizarre group text with them—when I'm engaging with NAME and NAME, I am always enjoying myself. And I am certain that that's part of what makes them so special to each of us: how happy and contented we feel when we are with them. And what I wish for them on their wedding day is that their life together as a team is one of complete contentment; full of those moments that they wish would never end, and that they continue to make one another smile and laugh as they make each of us do."

The Vows

Dearly beloved and honored guests: We are gathered together here to join NAME and NAME in the union of marriage. This contract is not to be entered into lightly, but thoughtfully and seriously, and with a deep realization of its obligations and responsibilities. The grooms/brides/bride and groom have each prepared vows that they will read now." **[Exchanging of vows]**

"Officiant: And now: NAME, do you take NAME to be your husband/wife? Do you promise to love, honor, cherish, and protect him/her, forsaking all others, and holding only unto him/her forevermore? **["I do."]** And NAME, do you take NAME to be your husband/wife? Do you promise to love, honor, cherish, and protect

him/her, forsaking all others, and holding only unto him/her forevermore? **["I do."]** **The Rings Officiant:** NAME and NAME will now exchange rings as a symbol of love and commitment to each other. Rings are a precious metal; they are also made precious by you 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 without end. NAME, please place the ring on NAME's left hand and repeat after me:

As a sign of my love

That I have chosen you

Above all else.

With this ring, I thee wed.

And NAME, please place the ring on NAME's left hand and repeat after me:

As a sign of my love.

That I have chosen you.

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The Good Wishes "Officiant: To make your relationship work will take love. Continue to date each other. Take time to show each other that your love and marriage grow stronger with time. It will take trust to know that in your hearts, you truly want what is best for each other. It will take dedication to stay open to one another—and to learn and grow together. It will take loyalty to go forward together, without knowing exactly what the future brings. And it will take commitment to hold true to the journey you have both pledged today. **The Declaration of Marriage / The Kiss Officiant:** And now by the power vested in me by _____, it is my honor and delight to declare you married. Go forth and live each day to the fullest. You may seal this declaration with a kiss. I am so pleased to present the newlyweds, NAMES.