

A Celebration of the Marriage of Jack and Jill

Welcome

Family and friends, on behalf of Jill and Jack, welcome and thank you for being here to celebrate and share in the joy that is their marriage.

Many of you have known Jill and Jack either together, or as individuals for a long time and your love, friendship and support has been important to each of them. It is for this reason that they are delighted that you, their families and friends, are here today to witness their commitment to each other.

They would especially like to acknowledge those of you who have travelled long distances to be with them here today. Your presence here makes this occasion even more of a celebration.

Introduction

Jill and Jack have developed a strong friendship with the greatest respect for one another. It is clear that the love and affection that they share will continue to develop into a deep and lasting relationship. They decided to formalise their union by becoming husband and wife. May their friendship and the love between them be a solid base on which their marriage will grow strong.

This ceremony is the celebration of a single stage in a much larger process that is the love between a man and a woman and a husband and wife. The promises made today and the ties that are bound here strengthen your union. They will cross the years and lives of each soul's growth.

Reading: Susan

The Greatest Gift is Time
In a marriage where love lives
There's realism and truth,
There's the pleasure in giving of time.
Closeness and security
freedom for individuality
no need to possess or confine.

In a marriage where love lives
True friendship is present
With respect for each point of view
Through disappointment sharing
comes deeper caring
Happiness deeper for two

In a marriage where love lives
There's no need for rules
There's understanding if harsh words are spoken
Apologies are accepted
Trust is effected
The true bonds of love never broken.

The Asking

Celebrant: Jack and Jill value the special relationships that they have with their family and they would like to acknowledge this by inviting them forward to offer their blessing

Will you, John and Susan, David and Mary, Lucy and Jason as the parents and family of Jack and Jill, grant your blessings and pledge them your love and acceptance?

We do

Jill and Jack would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Jane, Jack's mum. They know how much she would have loved to have been here today to enjoy the celebrations.

Celebrant:

Jill and Jack, the moment has come for you to pledge your love for each other and to do so in the presence of your family and friends who will witness your commitment to each other.

Celebrant: Jill, will you take Jack to be your husband and partner in life? Will you continue to care for him and support him in love and friendship, with honesty and sincerity? Will you seek to share the laughter and the tears, to share the burdens of each so that your spirits may grow in this union and to look for the brightness in life and the positive in each other?

Jill: I will

Celebrant: Jack, will you take Jill to be your wife and partner in life? Will you continue to care for her and support her in love and friendship, with honesty and sincerity? Will you seek to share the laughter and the tears, to share the burdens of each so that your spirits may grow in this union and to look for the brightness in life and the positive in each other?

Jack: I will

Celebrant: Please join hands.

Jill and Jack have written their own vows and they would now like to share them with you all here today.

Jack

Love takes many forms

The love we have for our parents is combined with respect and gratitude for all you have done for us, through our lives

Love of our children comes with responsibility, but there is also the joy of seeing them grow up, become independent, and the pride in seeing them succeed in their own lives

Love of family and friends is linked with memories of shared activities or adventures, and the pleasure and fun associated with spending time together.

The love I have for you, Jill Smith, now Smith-Jones, combines all these emotions, and much more

Until you came along, I did not know it was possible to feel the sort of love I feel for you, for any individual

You are my best friend, my soul mate, my companion and my lover

You can read me like a book and have rejuvenated my outlook on life

I feel privileged, lucky and very proud to have you as my wife

Jill

When I was a little girl I had this dream of becoming an ice skating princess or a dancing queen, and that's what my life was for.

When I was 17 I had this dream of becoming president or something keen, and that's what my life was for.

By the time I was 35, work was my dream, of being CEO or owning my own company, and that's what my life was for.

At 40, something changed in me. I've travelled the world and met many people, seen many things, but I had to give it all up to be able to see what my life was truly for.

To be shared with you, Jack John Jones.
You are my love and my best friend and my partner in life.

Ribbon Ceremony

Celebrant: As Jack and Jill have already exchanged rings they have asked that those closest to them now help seal their love in a binding ceremony.

I would now like to ask the following people to come forward:

John, Susan, David, Mary, Lucy and Jason all come forward and place a brightly coloured ribbon over the couples hands.

Celebrant: Jill and Jack's wedding rings are a visual sign of commitment in marriage. They will be a constant reminder of their love for each other and of their life together. These ribbons represent the love and hope that those closest to you send your way as you set out on your journey together as husband and wife.

Celebrant then loosely ties the ribbons together.

Celebrant: May you always stay in love.

Declaration

It is with great pleasure that I present to you all Jack and Jill as husband and wife together.

Kiss

Sign the Certificate

Celebrant: I would like to ask Susan and David to come forward to help sign documents. As we sign the certificate please enjoy the music that Jill and Jack have provided for you. This song was also sung at their actual wedding in Texas and so has special meaning for them both.

Presentation

Celebrant: I know you will enjoy the remaining time with Jill and Jack on this wonderful occasion.

They hope that this day of celebration will be remembered with great joy, not just by them but also by you; the people who are closest to them. I know that you will support them throughout their married life, for today is not just a celebration of their marriage, but also a celebration of family unity.

Jill and Jack would now like to propose a toast and so I ask you all to raise your glasses...