

## Romantic Ceremony – Rose Ceremony #1

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, you will remember this day for the rest of your lives. Those of us who are already married know that marriage, like life, brings with it many joys and also many challenges. We also know that love, while beautiful, does not always show its prettiest face. There are days when we may find it hard to express the depth of our love for one another. It is my hope and prayer that the two of you will set aside a special place in your home for roses, ancient symbols of love. When words fail you, or when the challenges of life or marriage begin to weigh on you, go out and get a rose, and put it in that special place in your home, so that the other will be reminded of this moment, and of the love you feel for one another. As a token of that love, I would like to ask you to make these roses your first gifts to one another as a married couple.

## Romantic Ceremony – Rose Ceremony #2

A single red rose always meant, “I love you”.

Your gift to each other for your wedding 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.

But for your first gift as husband and wife I want you now to give each other the gift of a single rose. So please exchange your first gift as husband and wife; a gift of true and abiding love within the devotion of marriage.

Remember, the single rose says the words: “I love you”.

There may be times filled with happiness, sorrow, tears or laughter, whatever it may be, remember love has given you wings; your journey begins today; \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, if there is anything you remember of this marriage ceremony, remember that love that brought you here today, it is only love which can make your marriage a glorious union, and it is by love that your marriage will endure.

## Adding a Part for Children

If a couple is adding the “Rose Ceremony”, often they will have a rose for each of the children. After exchanging roses, the couple will then give each child a rose, a hug, and whisper, “I love you.”

Not only are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, creating a marriage today, but they also are forming a family with (child / children’s name(s)). Just as it is appropriate for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to declare their love for each other in the gift of a rose, they also wish to show you (to the children) how much they love you with the gift of a rose.