

Rose Ceremony

In the old language of flowers, a single red rose always meant "I love you". This Rose Ceremony gives recognition to the new and most honourable title of "Husband and Wife". 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; wherever the wind may carry you; the true magic of your love will be forever.

X and X, if there is anything you remember of this marriage ceremony, remember the 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.

(Bride/Groom present roses to mothers)

Marriage is a coming together of two lives, and a celebration of the love of two people. But it is more. The love that you feel for one another is the flowering of a seed your mothers planted in your hearts many years ago. When you were first born, you were a bundle of diapers and tears, and your mothers lost sleep caring for you. Their love for you has brought them great happiness and great challenges, and their love did not diminish as they met these challenges. That is the great lesson you can bring into your marriage.