

## **Beth and Jamie - September 1, 2013**

*Invite people to gather and be seated. Beth to call Axel to her and take rings from his collar.*

Good afternoon. My name is Melissa Taylor and I have the privilege of performing this wedding ceremony today.

I encourage each of you to take many photos throughout the ceremony in order to preserve your memories of this special day. We will also begin passing around Beth and Jamie's wedding rings. I also encourage you to accept them into your own hands with a silent wish for their future. The last person to make a wish on them may come forward at any time and return them to me.

Beth and Jamie stand before you to declare their commitment to each other in front of their family and friends and to celebrate with you on this wonderful occasion.

Many of you have given them much happiness, love, warmth, and guidance through the various stages of their lives. Thank you for joining them. Your presence is invaluable and Beth and Jamie wanted me to express their gratitude in this respect.

### **Reading**

I would now like to share with you some words that Beth and Jamie have chosen to be read specifically for this occasion.

'Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, it does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.'

### **Expression of Intent**

**Jamie**, Do you take Beth to be your wife from this day forward? To live together and

to comfort her in times of need? Do you promise to build a life filled with love and laughter, sharing all that is to come? *(I will)*

**Beth**, Do you take Jamie to be your husband from this day forward? To live together and to comfort him in times of need? Do you promise to build a life filled with love and laughter, sharing all that is to come? *(I will)*

### **Vows**

The vows that Beth and Jamie are about to make reflect their understanding of life's ever-changing circumstances. Life does not always go where we plan and no matter how much arranging is done, sometimes you just have to follow your heart. Love constantly grows as well, and Beth and Jamie are prepared to grow along with it, together.

**Jamie** – Please repeat after me:

With all my love, I take you to be my wife/ I will love you through good and bad/  
Through joy and sorrow/ I will try to be understanding/ And to trust in you completely  
Together we will face all of life's experiences/ We will share one another's dreams  
and goals/ I promise I will be your equal partner/ In a loving, honest relationship  
For as long as we both shall live.

**Beth** – Please repeat after me:

With all my love, I take you to be my husband/ I will love you through good and bad/  
Through joy and sorrow/ I will try to be understanding/ And to trust in you completely  
Together we will face all of life's experiences/ We will share one another's dreams  
and goals/ I promise I will be your equal partner/ In a loving, honest relationship  
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*(Exchange rings immediately following vows).*

May those who wear these rings live in love through all their days.

I now declare that you are husband and wife. You may kiss the bride.

### **Signing of the register**

### **Introduction of the couple**

At this time it is my personal privilege and joy to be the first one to introduce to you Mr. and Mrs. Jamie and Beth Pearce. Please join me in congratulating them.

### **Announcements**

Jamie and Beth have asked that I make a couple announcements.

1. You will find garden rocks available for signing and you are welcome to then place them in the flower beds around the deck as a memento for Jamie and Beth of today.
2. There are also bubbles available on the tables for the children to play with.

On behalf of Jamie and Beth, thank you again for joining them today and they hope that you enjoy the rest of the evening.