Wedding of Andra & Raymond

Guests are arriving and receiving Aloha Lei.

Violin by Dannie plays Greensleeves.

Guests quiet down and take their seats.

Greetings and Welcome

On behalf of Raymond and Andra, their children and their families, WE welcome you with joy and happiness.

Each of you here, are significant to this couple, and your presence is important to them on this very special day.

Andra and Raymond have long planned and anticipated this event and they will remember this day and your supportive presence here, for the rest of their lives.

They have expressed their love to each other every day for over 2 years in private, but this day is special because today they will express and vow their love for each other in front of you.

They would like to especially thank you, family, friends, honored guests and loved ones, for helping them celebrate this joyous day.

Procession

Raymond in front To the left of chaplain

The path is lit by tiki torches. Flower girl and her escort.

Maid of Honor and Bridesmaid met by the men and escorted to the Water Arbor.

Best men are waiting for the Bridesmaids and Maid of Honor on the path.

Chaplain: Please stand for the Bride.

The Bride Andra to a violin playing is escorted down the walk by her father.

Some words from the Chaplain on Marriage: We acknowledge that marriage is a union through God in which our lives as individuals are realized in relationship to that of another. My prayer for Andra & Raymond is that the vows of love, which you will exchange today,

will embrace you with all the courage, hope and strength you will ever need.

May your friendship deepen and may you always respect and cherish all that makes you the individuals who you are.

Who blesses this woman to marry this man?

Father, 2 mothers and Children stand and come forward. "WE DO." Chaplain: We give thanks to God for the joining of these families in His love. Families sit down.

Call to the Couple.

Andra, through your love for Raymond, may he find a greater sense of who he is meant to be. And Raymond, may your love for Andra allow her to grow to be the woman she is meant to be.

May you each always relax in each other's arms knowing that there is no one whose love you can depend on more. And, may your partnership be a source of light and inspiration to your families, your friends, and all who come into contact with you. We also invite and ask God's Blessing upon this union, for His presence in their marriage and in their lives is important to Raymond and Andra. img_1487

Call to the Guests.

My prayer for each of you witnessing this union is that your hearts be open with love and joy and that you offer only support to this couple. May those of you who are close to Andra, and love her, come to know, cherish and respect Raymond, for he is precious to her. May those of you who know and love Raymond, may you come to cherish and love Andra who is loved and precious to him.

Prayer offered by Chaplain Bob.

Exchange of Wedding Vows:

Andra & Raymond: I love you. You are my best friend.

Today I give myself to you in marriage.

I promise to encourage and inspire you,

and to comfort you in times of sorrow and struggle.

I promise to love you in good times and in bad,

when life seems easy and when it seems hard,

when our love is simple and when it is an effort.

I promise to cherish you and always hold you in the highest regard,

and to be loyal to you with all my being.

Both: These things I Pledge to you today, and all the days of our life."

Exchange of Rings: The wedding ring symbolizes the unending love you promise. Raymond please give your ring to Andra: img_1077

Raymond: "I give you this ring to wear with love and joy. As a ring has no end, neither shall my love for you. I choose you to be my wife this day and forevermore."

img_1437Andra please give your ring to Raymond.

Andra: "I give you this ring to wear with love and joy. As a ring has no end, neither shall my love for you. I choose you to be my husband this day and forevermore."

The Declaration of Marriage: Raymond and Andra, you have pledged your love before your family and friends, and before God. You have shared vows with one another and exchanged wedding rings. You have agreed to be married according to the laws of the state of Arkansas. It is my delight and my honor to proclaim you Husband and Wife.

Benediction or Blessing: May God's protection be upon your marriage and upon your family. May His peace be in your hearts and in your home. May you always have the prayers and support of family and friends. May you be strong in grace and love, now and forever. AMEN

The Kiss! Now as Husband and Wife you may share a kiss.

The Introduction as Husband and Wife.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Novak!

Hoots and Howlers, applause and clapping, some whistles of approval.

Chaplain: Please join the wedding party at the Gazebo for a receiving line and please sign the guest book.

Bride and Groom lead wedding party and baby to the Gazebo.