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### **Congratulations on Your Upcoming Wedding!**

As a Non-Denominational Minister and Wedding Officiant, it has been my honor for 30 years to serve over 1,000 couples, of all beliefs and life preferences, in creating and officiating their wedding ceremony and vow renewals in the Santa Fe, NM, area. I have now moved to beautiful Tucson, and it is my joy to serve couples here as each takes this next most important step in their relationship—the Celebration of “Love in Union” in the commitment of Marriage!

It is my most profound wish to serve you with the utmost care in creating your wedding ceremony, with loving attention to your personal vision of marriage. To express who you are as a couple, as well as individuals. We will honor what is important to you: family, cultural traditions, and religious, spiritual, or other beliefs. Your wedding is all about you! It is my joy to serve and assist you with any and all information and wisdom I have gleaned over these many years of experience in creating, officiating, and observing wedding ceremonies.

Once, we together, create your very personal wedding ceremony, I will do my very best to officiate your wedding with fresh joy, loving care, and great respect for the wonderful occasion that is your wedding.

### **Ministerial/Officiant Wedding Services I Offer**

Your wedding is just that...yours! Let it simply reflect and celebrate who and what you are together. It is my interest and intention that as a couple you experience the ceremony that speaks to your personal, individual and honest vision of your marriage commitment. The sentiments written will be a reflection of your religious, spiritual or secular beliefs, and cultural traditions, surrounded by an atmosphere of profound joy, harmony and love - no matter if the choice is a simple short ceremony or a fuller expression of marriage and growth

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together: past, present, future. Your love, your vows, are treated with the greatest of respect due the moments of their expression. Therefore, I wish to work as closely with you, as circumstances and time allow, to create what you want in your ceremony. Upon receipt of your deposit, a lovely ceremony, developed these 30 years, is offered with many choices of vows, readings, blessings and poetry for you to use to create your perfect wedding in meaning and belief. You may want to write your own vows with exchange of rings. We together can write or add any other sentiments as part of your ceremony. I am here to personalize your ceremony. If time does not allow or you prefer, I can create a ceremony that will be personal and special just for you.

### **Wedding Minister & Officiant Fees**

~ There is no fee for an in-person meeting (if you are in Tucson) or a phone meeting to speak about your individual wedding and to become acquainted so that you may make a “comfortable” wedding minister/officiant choice.

~ Ceremony fee varies depending on location and number of guests.

~ A non-refundable deposit will hold your date and time. The remainder of the fee is due at or before your wedding. An additional travel fee may apply depending on the location of your wedding.

~ I will come early to your wedding with plenty of time to connect with your photographer, musician, planner, and you to ensure the perfect flow of your ceremony. After your ceremony, we and two witnesses will sign your Arizona marriage license from the Green Valley Justice Court or the Pima County Superior Court or other county in Arizona.

### **Services Included in All Fees**

~ A meeting in person, if you wish and your time allows, to finalize your wedding ceremony and go over all logistics such as music, processional and recessional. We can also do this thoroughly over the telephone if this is easier for you.

~ The e-mail and/or telephone time to create together with you your ceremony, using the offered choices, adding all personal touches and any selections from your religion, spiritual, family or cultural traditions. We will thoroughly go over the "flow" of your ceremony.

~ Any information that I may offer to help you in adding those "special touches" to your wedding.

~ I am happy to offer all information I can and go over with you the processional and recessional of your ceremony. If you do desire for me to facilitate a rehearsal, there is an additional fee. Travel fee may apply. To insure my availability, please secure the date and time well in advance.

### **Notes of Gratitude from Couples Whose Weddings I Have Been Honored to Serve**

"I really believe that the words in the vows and ceremony carry weight and have meaning and it makes me feel good that I truly believe and can depend on everything that was said that day." - Sarah

"We sensed your enthusiasm for making our ceremony unique and meaningful. Your words were chosen with care and hold deep significance for us." - Betsy & Dave

"The ceremony was the most meaningful part for us out of the entire event and you were the most essential person of the day, because without you and your lovely words, none of the rest would have happened. It was such a joy to work with you." - Lauren & David

"You really brought the words to life and helped create an experience beyond what either of us had imagined." - Cathy & Bob

"Your wonderful words stay with us as does your great smile and warmth." - Valda & John

"We loved it all - you have a gift!" - Lou & Aimee

### **A Taste of the Wedding Ceremony**

~ The essence of this commitment we honor as marriage, is the conscious choosing to live your life fully with another, in one's entirety, as lover, companion, and most important, with a strong bond of true friendship.

~ Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope. It can outlast anything. Love and love alone is the most powerful force in all creation.

~ Marriage is the intimate sharing of two lives; yet this sharing must not diminish but enhance the individuality of each partner.

~ A marriage that lasts is one that is continually evolving, and in which each partner is individually evolving, while growing in the understanding of oneself and the other.

~ I know our understanding of love and each other has deepened and will continue to grow through our years together.

~ May you walk together through all things. May you feel deeply loved, for indeed you are. May you always see your special-ness in my eyes!

~ May all that you have already become, which has brought you to this day, and all you will become as a loving effect of it, in the lifelong joining of your hearts and your minds, continue to show you your purpose.

~ We can experience no greater truth from Love than the truth to love more openly, more honestly and more deeply.

~ May your sense of humor and playful spirits always enliven your relationship!

### **If You Are Interested in My Wedding Service**

Feel free to contact me by phone or email with any questions you may have. Please let me know the date and time of your wedding, the location, and number of guests, if known. If you'd like, include your phone number and some good times to reach you. While email is welcomed, speaking to you directly by telephone or in person can be a nice way to communicate and share wedding ideas and vision.

Thank you ... and I appreciate your interest! ~ Irene

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