

The Ceremony of Bill & Lyn

Date: 09.10.2023



Music to play:

Good Afternoon everyone, my name is Adrian Downey, I am the celebrant for Lyn and Bill's ceremony. I would like to welcome you all here on this special day.

Today is special for Lyn and Bill – They have chosen this day to publicly confess their abiding love for each other. A love they intend to embrace all the days of their lives.

Lyn and Bill have chosen you their closest family and friends to be the people before whom they declare their love, their intentions and their commitment. They wish to thank you for sharing this day with them.

Love is the greatest thing that we can give to one another...for love is a wondrous gift; no other can take its place, but it can take the place of all the rest. When two people entrust one another with their innermost feelings, their hearts, their lives, the bond between them strengthens and surrounds them until each becomes a part of the other. This closeness cannot be measured by time, words or circumstance. It is a wholeness of the soul, a silence, and the highest form of intimacy.

We are gathered here today, because love gathers us and especially because love has found Lyn and Bill, and woven them together, into the great web of life. We are gathered to remember and rejoice, to recount with one another, that it is love, always love, that leads us to our true destination and to celebrate that Lyn and Bill have finally arrived.

We are here to listen, with love in our hearts, and to share with them, their celebration of love.

Lyn and Bill you share today the joy of a deep commitment and a sacred trust. You have given each other the most precious gift of love. Treasure it, nurture it, and encourage it with all the honesty you used in creating it. You are sharing something rare and beautiful.

Always speak the truth and listen attentively, so that you may understand each others thoughts and intentions. Inspire each other by sharing your accomplishments. Say 'I love you' often to retain the warmth between you. Laugh a lot too, even when you're angry, and remember you are each other's best friend.

Stand together and for each other always, be content in mind and spirit and make each day a blessing and fulfilment of your dreams.

The Asking

Adrian to Bill

Bill, will you take Lyn to be your life long partner. Will you love and respect her, be honest with her and stand by her, through whatever life may hold so you can genuinely share your life together?

Bill: I Will.

Adrian to Lyn

Lyn, will you take Bill to be your life long partner. Will you love and respect him, be honest with him and stand by him, through whatever life may hold so you can genuinely share your life together?

Lyn: I Will

NSW Celebrant

Vows (holding hands)

Adrian to Bill

[Repeat after me]

I Bill, take you Lyn to be my faithful partner and my love from this day forward. In the presence of our family and friends I offer you my solemn vow to be your faithful partner in sickness and in health, in good times and in bad and in joy as well as in sorrow. I promise to love you unconditionally, to support you in your goals, to honour and respect you, to laugh with you and cry with you and to cherish you forever.

Adrian to Lyn

[Repeat after me]

I Lyn, take you Bill to be my faithful partner and my love from this day forward. In the presence of our family and friends I offer you my solemn vow to be your faithful partner in sickness and in health, in good times and in bad and in joy as well as in sorrow. I promise to love you unconditionally, to support you in your goals, to honour and respect you, to laugh with you and cry with you and to cherish you forever.

Blessing

May all that you are, always be in love. May all that is love, always be in you. May your love be as beautiful on each day you share as it is on this day of celebration, and may each day you share be as precious to you as the day you first fell in love. May you always see and encourage the best in each other. And may you always be each others best friend and greatest love.

Rings

You are symbolising your commitment by the exchange of rings, may I please have the rings?

May these rings represent your love for one another. These two lives are now joined in one unbroken circle. Wherever they go – may they always return to one another. May these two find in each other the love for which all men and women seek. May they grow in understanding and compassion. May these rings on their fingers symbolise their love.

Bill, please take the ring for Lyn and while placing it on her finger please repeat after me;

I give you this ring as a reminder of the promises we exchanged today.

Lyn, please take the ring for Bill and while placing it on his finger please repeat after me;

I give you this ring as a reminder of the promises we exchanged today.

Lyn and Bill, you may seal your relationship with a kiss.

The Signing of the Register

I now invite Lyn, Bill along with their witnesses to join me as we sign the certificate.

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The Presentation

Ladies and Gentleman, it gives me great pleasure to now present the certificate to Bill and Lyn.

Bill and Lyn, today is a celebration of your relationship. Everyone here wishes you continued happiness and we all hope that life will continue to hold the very best of everything for you. By having this ceremony here today I hope it will in some way increase your capacity to live your life to the fullest. Congratulations to you both.

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