

# *The Ceremony of Bill & Lyn*

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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.

## Reading

### FRIEND

To love is to remember and keep alive forever all those unique qualities that drew you to one another in the beginning.... Those first halting phrases...the thrill of discovery.... That wonderful feeling of oneness when your eyes met.

To love is to constantly search for new ways to bring each other to happiness, to make the most of every moment you share together, and marvel at how your feelings for one another keep rising to new dimensions.

To love is to create an oasis of tranquility for one another and a quiet place, apart from others, where you need not pretend...where you can be yourselves.... And know within your hearts, you will be accepted by one another.

To love is to greet each day with anticipation...Always eager for another opportunity to share new adventures...And gather up new memories TOGETHER!

To love is to follow the rainbow through the rain, to be able to laugh at yourselves and be willing to say...."I was wrong, I'm sorry"...To forgive, and more importantly, to FORGET, and to always believe and trust in one another.

To love is to watch with wonder all the miracles of creation, to find beauty in all the simple things of life, and to find, within ourselves, a deeper appreciation and a new awareness of how wonderful it is to be alive...To be happy...To be...TOGETHER.

To love is to come together from the pathways of our past and then move forward...Hand in hand, along the uncharted roads of our future, ready to risk, to dream, and to dare.... And always believe that all things are possible with faith and love.

**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

Adrian Downey  
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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