

**Eileen and Emery's Wedding  
Top Notch at Attitash  
August 28, 2020  
4:00 pm**

**Processional with music "Only Time" by Enya**

Eileen's brother, Jimmy, walks her to Emery (Jules and Brian, Emery's sons, stand next to Emery)

Eileen is preceded by:

Niece, Kaitlin and Emery's nephew, Anthony

Emery's niece, Jacqueline

Friends, Ellen and Kathy

Sister, Kathleen

**Welcome**

**Emery says a few words**

Welcome everyone, on behalf of Eileen and Emery I would like to welcome you all here and thank you for joining them on this magnificent day. Your presence and participation in this ceremony means a great deal to them both.

**Reading:**

***"A Sacred Space" - - written by Lao Tzu***

Your love requires space in which to grow.

This space must be safe enough to allow your hearts to be revealed.

It must offer refreshment for your spirits and renewal for your minds.

It must be a space made sacred by the quality of your honesty, attention, love, and compassion.

It may be anywhere, inside or out, but it must exist.

**Intentions:**

Emery, will you have Eileen as your wife, in times of good fortune as well as adversity, forsaking all others to be a kind and faithful husband? Do you promise to base your life with Eileen on love, caring, and

understanding? Do you pledge to speak and to listen, to give and to receive, and to be considerate of her wishes and desires?

**Emery: I will**

Eileen, will you have Emery as your husband, in times of good fortune as well as adversity, forsaking all others to be a kind and faithful wife? Do you promise to base your life with Emery on love, caring, and understanding? Do you pledge to speak and to listen, to give and to receive, and to be considerate of his wishes and desires?

**Eileen: I will**

**Reading** – and now, a reading by Emery's sister, Maxine:

***"The Art of a Good Marriage" written by Wilfred Arlan Peterson***

Happiness in marriage is not something that just happens.

A good marriage must be created.

In marriage, the little things are the big things.

It is never being too old to hold hands.

It is remembering to say "I love you" at least once a day.

It is never going to sleep angry.

It is, at no time, taking the other for granted;

the courtship should not end with the honeymoon, it should continue through the years.

It is having a mutual sense of values and common objectives.

It is standing together facing the world.

It is forming a circle of love that gathers the whole family.

It is doing things for each other, not in the attitude of duty or sacrifice, but in the spirit of joy.

It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.

It is not looking for perfection in each other.

It is cultivating flexibility, patience, understanding, and a sense of humor.

It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.

It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow old.

It is a common search for the good and the beautiful.

It is establishing a relationship in which the independence is equal, dependence is mutual and the obligation is reciprocal.

It is not only marrying the right partner, it is being the right partner.

## Vows:

### **Emery, please repeat after me**

I choose you, Eileen, to be my wife, partner, and friend;  
to have and to hold from this day forward.

You have brought new joy to my life  
and I welcome you, your family, and your friends  
into my life and into my heart.

I will cherish you  
for the intelligent, independent, and special woman that you are.  
I will walk beside you in times of happiness and health.  
I will stand with you in times of difficulty and unrest.  
I will respect and love you always.

### **Eileen, please repeat after me**

Emery, I choose you to be my husband, partner, and friend;  
to have and to hold from this day forward.

These past few years with you  
have been the happiest years of my life.

I open my heart to you completely  
and I too, welcome you, your family – especially Jules and Brian, and  
your friends into my life.

You have already shown you will be there for me through sickness  
and difficult times; I promise to do the same.

I will always be open and honest with you.

I will always listen,  
as you are open and honest with me.

I will always respect and love you.

You have my heart in your hands.

## **A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians:**

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing.

If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything and if I have faith in all it's fullness, to move mountains-but without love, then I am nothing at all.

If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I ever let them take my body to burn it, but am without love-it will do me no good whatsoever.

Love is always patient and kind. It is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited.

It is never rude or selfish; it does not take offense, and it is not resentful.

Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth. It is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end.

This is the word of the Lord. .

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### **Exchange of rings**

The rings you are about to exchange mark the beginning of a long journey together.

They are also a symbol of eternity, a circle that has no end.

Let your rings be a reminder of your union and of the love you share.

As a ring is unbroken, so will your love for each other be without end.

May your life together express a growing unity with this exchange.

Emery: (places ring on Eileen's finger) – Eileen, I give you this ring as a symbol of our vows. Please wear it with love and joy.

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### **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.**

In the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.  
This is why a man must leave father and mother and the two become one body.  
They are no longer two, therefore, but one body.  
So then, what God has united, man must not divide.  
This is the gospel of the Lord.

### **Reading** – and now, a reading by Eileen's brother, Jimmy

#### ***Celtic Reading***

Above you are the stars, below you are the stones, as time doth pass, remember.....  
Like a stone should your love be firm; like a star, should your love be constant.  
Let the powers of the mind and of the intellect guide you in your marriage.  
Let the strength of your wills bind you together.  
Let the power of love and desire make you happy and the strength of your dedication make you inseparable.  
Be close to each other but not too close.  
Have patience with one another, for storms will come but they will pass quickly.  
Be free in giving affection and warmth.  
Have no fear and let not the ways of the unenlightened give you unease.

### **Pronouncement:**

And now, it gives me great pleasure to say:  
By the power vested in me, by the state of New Hampshire, I now pronounce you Husband and Wife.  
Emery, you may now kiss your bride.