

**Jennifer and Randy
Bald Peak Colony Club
Melvin Village, New Hampshire
October 1, 2015**

Type of song when people are waiting (Beethoven - Pathetique Sonata, Adagio)

Processional (song to be played – Bach - Air on a G String):

Randy, Best Men and Kim enter from the side and stand at the 'top' of the aisle

Seating of the following people:

- Ken and Angie
- Mother
- Grayson, Ring bearer
- Ali Bridesmaid
- Meredith, Matron of Honor

Bride (song to be played – Pachelbel - Cannon in D)

Jennifer walks last, accompanied by Dad

Giving the Bride Away

Flower

Dad hugs Jennifer

Dad shakes Randy's hand.

Dad takes brings Jennifer one step forward and hands her to Randy

Dad sits.

Introduction:

On behalf of Jennifer and Randy, I would like to welcome you and thank you for joining us on this magnificent day.

For many of you, it was not easy to get here – we realize that traveling to New Hampshire is quite a trip – and the bride and groom would like to thank all of their family and friends that could make it.

Your presence shows Jennifer and Randy how much you care and means a great deal to them.

We also remember those loved ones that cannot join us here today. Though not here in body, we know they are here in spirit to celebrate this day.

I would now like to introduce Jennifer's Uncle, Father Richard McAlear for a prayer:

Reading by Uncle Frank:

I would also like to welcome everyone to this blissful event.

I can still remember Jennifer from the moment that she was born.

Many of you know that I baptized her in her parent's home in Milton.

She grew from being an independent child to a caring and loving young woman.

(Smiling) We all held our breath when she started dating because we knew that it would take a very special person to be her equal in marriage.

After spending time with both Jennifer and Randy, I can personally tell you that they are a well formed match, in spirit, enthusiasm, empathy and caring.

I can not have imagined a more perfect partnership in life than Jennifer and Randy.

They have selected The Prayer by Saint Francis of Assisi.

Saint Francis was a lover of all creation and the patron saint of the animals and the environment.

There is no better place to celebrate God's creation than here in this stunning location.

Let Us Pray:

THE PRAYER

~ By St. Francis of Assisi ~

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is discord, union;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, Grant that we may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand,

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen

It was here in northern NH that Jennifer and Randy first shared their love for adventure and the outdoors. Since they've known each other their love for adventure has led them on many different journeys to far away locations.

Today we are celebrating a different type of journey; one Jennifer and Randy have started together more than four years ago, but also one that is just beginning. And for this journey they have found in one another a partner, and a best friend.

(Pause)

Marriage symbolizes the intimate bonding of two lives, but does not diminish their individuality.

Marriage symbolizes life and learning, rising to meet new challenges and continuing to grow.

Marriage is celebration of joy and happiness, where one should always remember the following things:

The little things are the big things.

You're never 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 person for granted

It is standing together facing the world.

It is forming a circle of love that gathers in 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 a sense of humor.

It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.

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

Marriage is the union of two souls, bound in love that requires faith and devotion; patience and understanding.

I have also had the opportunity to spend time with Jennifer and Randy – and I can attest that they have found the perfect partner in each other.

I would like to introduce a cherished family friend, Eddie Stenberg to conduct the next reading.

Mr. Stenberg:

Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

May God be with you and bless you;
May you see your children's children.
May you be poor in misfortune,
Rich in blessings,
May you know nothing but happiness
From this day forward.

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the warm rays of sun fall upon your home
And may the hand of a friend always be near.

May green be the grass you walk on,
May blue be the skies above you,

May pure be the joys that surround you,
May true be the hearts that love you.

Intentions:

Randy, will you have Jennifer as your wife, in times of good fortune as well as adversity, forsaking all others to be a kind and faithful husband?

Randy: I will.

Jennifer, will you have Randy as your husband, in times of good fortune as well as adversity, forsaking all others to be a kind and faithful wife?

Jennifer: I will.

Vows:

Kim: Jennifer and Randy have chosen to write their own wedding vows.

Randy Speaks

Jennifer Speaks

Rings

Kim: to Grayson “May we have the rings?”

A ceremony is for a day; a marriage is for a lifetime. The rings that you are about to exchange mark the beginning of a long and

exciting journey together. Let your rings be a reminder of the promises that you have given to each other, and of the love that you share. As each ring is unbroken, so will your love for each other be without end.

Randy please repeat after me

Jennifer, the words I say to you now
Are the ones that I have waited a lifetime to speak
Ones I say in love and confidence
You are my best friend, my partner
The other half of my heart
The person with whom I wish to share my life
I offer you all the days before me
No matter what may come our way
I freely take you as my wife
Please accept this ring as a permanent symbol of my
commitment.

You may now place the ring on her finger

Jennifer, please repeat after me

Randy, the words I say to you now
Are the ones that I have waited a lifetime to speak
Ones I say in love and confidence
You are my best friend, my partner
The other half of my heart
The person with whom I wish to share my life
I offer you all the days before me
No matter what may come our way
I freely take you as my husband

Please accept this ring as a permanent symbol of my commitment.

You may now place the ring on his finger

Pronouncement

Now, by the power vested in me, by the State of New Hampshire,
I am happy to pronounce you husband and wife.
You may kiss the bride

Kiss, Turn and Exit

Recessional (song to be played – Jesu, joy on man’s desiring):