

## For I Found Love, And Love is You "ALL Rise"

"We are gathered here this evening to celebrate one of life's greatest moments, and to cherish the words which shall unite \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in marriage."

"Who presents *MaShay* to be married to *Ian*? "

Parents "WE DO"  
(Parents sit down)

Balloon Memorial:

"At this time *MaShay* and *Ian* would like to take a moment to remember the loved ones that are no longer here with us."

(*Ian & MaShay release the balloons*)

Opening:

"*MaShay* and *Ian*, in the days ahead of you there will be times of difficulty and conflict. When you find yourselves in these situations, I ask you to reflect on this marriage advice:"

"Let your love be stronger than your anger"

"Learn the wisdom of compromise, for it is better to bend than to break."

"Look for the best in your beloved rather than the worst."

"Confide in your partner and ask for help when you need it."

"Remember that true friendship is the basis for any lasting relationship."

"Give your spouse the same courtesies and kindness you bestow on your family and friends."

"Say" "I love you" "every day."

"I remind you that marriage is a precious gift: a lifelong dedication to love and a daily challenge to love one another more fully and more freely."

**Marriage is a living thing and needs to be nurtured in order for it to grow.  
Nurture each other often especially the years to follow**

(*MaShay reads Vow*)

*Ian*, do you take *MaShay* to be your beloved wife?" *Ian* says "I DO"

(*Ian reads Vow*)

*MaShay*, do you take *Ian* to be your beloved husband?" *MaShay* says "I DO"

## Rings:

*“MaShay and Ian have chosen rings as outward symbols of the commitment they make today.”*

*(Get rings from Stephanie and Richard)*

*“From the earliest times, the ring has been a symbol of wedded love. An unbroken and never-ending circle symbolizes a commitment to love that is never ending.”*

*“MaShay, take the ring which you have selected, place it on Ian’s finger, and say to him these words.”*

*“This ring, a gift for you,” (pause) “symbolizes my desire” (pause) “that you be my husband from this day forward.”*

*“Ian, take the ring which you have selected, place it on MaShay’s finger, and say to her these words.”*

*“This ring, a gift for you,” (pause) “symbolizes my desire” (pause) “that you be my wife from this day forward.”*

*“Let these rings serve not as locks binding you together, but as keys, unlocking the secrets of your hearts for each other to know, and thus bringing you closer together forever.”*

## Sand Ceremony:

*“MaShay and Ian, today you are making a life-long commitment to share the rest of your lives with each other. Your relationship is symbolized through the pouring of these individual containers of sand; one, representing MaShay and one representing Ian –*

*for all that you were, all that you are and all that you will ever be.”*

*“At this time, I would like to invite the parents of MaShay and Ian to come forward.” (Waiting for parents)*

*“These six bottles of sand represent MaShay, Ian and their families.”*

*“You may now blend the sand together symbolizing the uniting of the two families into one.” (Parents pour sand all four together. Then move behind us as we pour our sand.) (Wait for Ian and me to pour sand to say next line)*

*“As these grains of sand are poured together they can never be separated.” The individual containers of sand will no longer exist, but be joined together as one.”*

*(Parents sit back down)*

**Pronouncement:**

**“MaShay and Ian, Having witnessed your vows for marriage with all who are assembled here tonight, and by the power vested in me by the state of Florida, I now pronounce you Husband and wife.”**

**Kiss:**

**“Ian you may kiss your bride”**

**Presentation:**

**(Ian and I face Family and Friends)**

**“Family and Friends, it is my honor to present to you, for the first time as husband and wife: Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_!”**