

Cary and Dave  
August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
174 Black Cat Island Road, M'boro  
6:30 pm

**Music (wedding song: Just You and I by Eddie Rabbitt)**

Cary will walk down the steps to the dock where Dave, the children and Kim will be gathered.

**Welcome:**

Welcome. We are gathered here on this happy day as a family to celebrate with Cary and Dave as they reaffirm their commitment to one another. We are reminded that all good relationships continue to grow and change. As their family, each of you has played an important role in bringing them to this day, and in various ways will continue to support and contribute to their marriage.

In marriage, we give ourselves freely and generously into the hands of the one we love, and by doing so, we receive the love and trust of the other as our most precious gift. Today you re-commit yourselves to honoring and protecting one another above your separate selves, and to valuing your union above your

own interests. In doing this, you secure for yourselves a wealth of love and peace not otherwise attainable.

Your future stretches out before you vast and unknown. That future, with its hopes and disappointments, its joys and sorrows, is hidden from your eyes. But it is a great tribute to your belief in each other that you remain none the less willing to face those uncertainties together.

May the pure, simple love with which you join your hearts and hands again here today never fail, but grow deeper and surer with every passing day.

You have some words for each other...Go ahead Cary

### **Cary:**

Almost 30 years ago, I pledged my love and commitment to you. I promised to love you, honor you, comfort and keep you. I pledged to be by your side in sickness and in health, in times of need, and times of plenty, for better or worse, for the rest of our lives. We have had all of those things, and you have been by my side as we created a family, a home, and a life together. Today, in the presence of our beautiful children and at our favorite spot in the world (and my favorite time of the day!), I renew my vows to you, pledging my eternal love for you, and willingly awaiting what life may bring us.

I promise you my love and devotion. I vow to pick you up when life knocks you down and be by your side always. I vow to comfort you, protect you, encourage you, and challenge you. I vow to be faithful to you, to be honest with you, and to be patient with you. I vow to learn from my mistakes, to grow from our struggles. I promise to always remember the little things, like kissing you goodnight. And most of all, I vow to love you for as long as I shall live.

**Dave:** TBD

**Sand Ceremony:**

Cary and Dave today you are recommitting to your life-long commitment to share your lives with each other and honor your children as well.

As you each hold your sand, the sand represents your lives to this moment; individual and unique. As you now combine your sand together, your lives also join together as one family. You will now blend your unique sand colors together symbolizing the uniting of the children and mother and father into one.

I ask Cary first to lay the foundation of her colored sand.

Now I ask Ben to pour his colored sand.

Now I ask Lange to lay her colored sand on top.

Now I ask Matt to pour his colored sand.

Now I ask Dan to lay his colored sand on top.

Finally, I ask that Dave lay the final protective covering to the sand layers.

Your family relationship is symbolized through the pouring of the sand; representing, Cary, Dave and the children, Ben, Lange, Matt and Dan, and all that you were, all that you are, and all that you will ever be.

**Blessing:**

Cary and Dave, we all here today celebrate your love and acknowledge your lifelong devotion to each other. Your example reminds us of love's beauty and strength.

So, by joining hands right now and looking into each other's eyes, let it be known that you are joined inseparably in this lifetime and that your bond continues.

Inasmuch as you have sealed this renewal of your marriage vows in the presences of your children, it gives me much pleasure to pronounce that you are now, even more than ever before, Husband and Wife. May you rejoice in perfect love and peace together all of your days! You may kiss to seal your promises.

**Music (favorite song: Thank You by Led Zeppelin)**

Cary and Dave will walk up the steps from the dock to the house.