

Kevin and Harriet
30 year anniversary vow renewal
Glen Ellis Falls, Pinkham Notch
September 17, 2015

Welcome:

A marriage that lasts, is one which is continually developing and in which each person continues to grow as an individual. Deep knowledge of another person is not something that can be achieved in a short time and real understanding of another's feelings can only develop with years of intimacy. Marriage is about sharing not only the joys and successes but the burdens of sorrows and failures as well. To be known in this way is a priceless thing.

Kevin and Harriet, you have now been married 30 years and through all the years of your journey together, you have now come to this beautiful setting, so that you could renew your vow and commitment of love for each other. What I am witnessing today is a declaration of your commitment to each other and to a lifetime of adventure together. It is also a time to pause and reflect on where you have been and where you are going

Intentions:

When you first joined hands and hearts as husband and wife 30 years ago you did not know where life would take you. You promised to love honour and cherish one another through all things. Life has surely brought you both wonderful blessings and difficult tribulations. Therefore you have fulfilled your promises. So as you come here today to reaffirm your wedding

vows and as you reflect back over all the years as husband and wife, do you now reaffirm the vows you took both 30 years ago as well as 10 years ago? If so, please repeat after me. I will begin with Harriet.

Harriet: please repeat after me

Kevin, I promise to faithfully love and cherish you
with all of my heart,
to laugh with you and lift your spirits,
in good times and in bad.
I will stand by you through all of life's changes.
I will grow old with you,
hold your hand and sleep by your side,
and continue to be your best friend for the rest of my life

Kevin: please repeat after me

Harriet, I promise to faithfully love and cherish you
with all of my heart,
to laugh with you and lift your spirits,
in good times and in bad.
I will stand by you through all of life's changes.
I will grow old with you,
hold your hand and sleep by your side,
and continue to be your best friend for the rest of my life

Vows:

Harriet, once again you stand before Kevin to take his hand as your partner. Do you take Kevin on this day and for all days as your husband?

[Harriet] "I do"

Are you proud to renew your wedding vows and promise to wipe away his tears with your laughter and his pain with your caring and your compassion?

[Harriet] "I am"

Will you give yourself to him completely and promise to love him always from this day forth?

[Harriet] "I Will"

Do you believe more strongly than ever and with a joy borne of experience and trust that you commit yourself once again to be Kevin's wife?

[Harriet] "I do"

Kevin, once again you stand before Harriet to take her hand as your partner. Do you take Harriet on this day and for all days as your wife?

[Kevin] "I do"

Are you proud to renew your wedding vows and promise to wipe away her tears with your laughter and her pain with your caring and your compassion?

[Kevin] "I am"

Will you give yourself to her completely and promise to love her always from this day forth?

[Kevin] "I Will"

Do you believe more strongly than ever and with a joy borne of experience and trust that you commit yourself once again to be Harriet's husband?

[Kevin] "I do"

Rings:

The rings that you are about to exchange mark the continuation of your long journey together. A journey that began over 30 years ago. These rings are a symbol of infinity, of time without end. Let your rings be a continuing reminder of your union and of the love that you share. As a ring is unbroken so will your love for each other be without end.

Harriet, please repeat after me...

Kevin, the words I say to you now
are words I say in friendship, respect and love.
You are 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.
Take this ring as a symbol of my continued commitment.

Kevin, please repeat after me ...

Harriet, the words I say to you now
are words I say in friendship, respect and love.
You are 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.
Take this ring as a symbol of my continued commitment.

Closing:

Harriet and Kevin,

Now, after 30 years of marriage, you have likely seen your ups and downs but you have decided that after all this time together, that you want to commit yourselves to each other even more. This may even be more important and special than your first ceremony or possibly your renewal 10 years ago, for this time around, you know what to expect. You know that you can weather the storms as well as enjoy the sunshine of your relationship together. You know that you truly want to spend the rest of your life with your partner, your best friend, the other half of your heart.

And so, by the power vested in me by the State of New Hampshire, it gives me great pleasure to declare this marriage as renewed! You may kiss the bride!