

James and Jennifer  
Glen Ellis Falls  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020  
6:30 pm

**Intentions:**

Jennifer, will you have James 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 James on love, caring, and understanding? Do you pledge to speak and to listen, to give and receive, and to be considerate of his wishes and desires?

Jennifer: I will

James, 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? Do you promise to base your life with Jennifer on love, caring, and understanding? Do you pledge to speak and to listen, to give and receive, and to be considerate of her wishes and desires?

James: I will

**Vows:**

Jennifer, please repeat after me:

I, Jennifer, take you James,  
to be my husband.  
I accept you as you are,  
and ask that you be no one but yourself.  
I promise to love you  
from this day forward

and for all the days of our lives.

James, please repeat after me:

I, James, take you Jennifer,  
to be my wife.

I accept you as you are,  
and ask that you be no one but yourself.

I promise to love you  
from this day forward  
and for all the days of our lives.

**Joe:**

This ceremony marks not only the union  
of both of you as husband and wife,  
it also celebrates the formalizing of the bond  
between the two of you and Joe, creating one family.

Joe, something very special is happening today. In this ceremony,  
you are sharing in the celebration of the happiness that is present  
in this family, and you are affirming your role in that most  
fundamental of all human relationships.

May the joy and excitement of today and the warmth and loving  
of your home also serve as a model for you of what you will seek  
and find when it is your time to enter into marriage and to create  
your own family.

As this new family relationship is formed, James will present his  
own token of today's vows to Joe.

## **James to Joe**

I, James, promise you, Joe, that I will love you, support you and care for you always.

*Dogtag exchange*

## **Joe to James**

I, Joe, promise you, James, that I will always love you

*Gives James a hug*

## **Rings:**

From the earliest times, the circle has been a symbol of completeness, a symbol of committed love. An unbroken and never ending circle symbolizes a commitment of love that is also never ending. The rings you give and receive this day are the symbols of the endless love into which you enter as husband and wife. Such a love has no beginning and no ending, no giver and no receiver. You are each the beginning and the ending, each the giver and the receiver.

Jennifer, as you place the ring on James's finger, please repeat after me:

I Jennifer, give you James, this ring,  
as a symbol of my commitment  
to love, honor, and respect you.

James, as you place the ring on Jennifer's finger, please repeat after me:

I James, give you Jennifer, this ring,  
As a symbol of my commitment  
To love, honor and respect you.

**Blessing:**

Apache Blessing

Now you will feel no rain,  
for each of you will be shelter for the other.  
Now you will feel no cold,  
for each of you will be warmth to the other.  
Now there will be no loneliness,  
for each of you will be companion to the other.  
Now you are two persons,  
but there is only one life before you.  
May beauty surround you both in the  
journey ahead and through all the years,  
May happiness be your companion and  
Your days together be good and long upon the earth

Today I am privileged to share with you the moment you begin  
you new life together. In the years ahead, may you always apply  
tenderness and strength to the trials that may befall you. May  
your love be a shield from the unpredictability of life. May you  
remember to rejoice in good times and good fortune and may you  
always appreciate the life that you found with each other.

**Closing:**

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. You may kiss your bride!