Jenn and Keith

May 5th, 2015

Wentworth Gazebo

3:30 pm

Kim, Keith and Andrew take their places

Jacks brings the rings in, then Ariana, then Rowen, then Jenn.

**Opening Remarks:**

Good afternoon. On behalf of Jenn and Keith, I would like to welcome you here and thank you for joining them on this very special day.

Ariana, Andrew, Rowen and Jack, what you are witnessing today is a very special ceremony, joining your family into one. Your parents are getting married today so they can share their love together and with all of you.

Keith and Jenn, the love you feel for each other is something rare and beautiful. Always speak the truth and listen attentively, so that you may understand each other’s thoughts and intentions.

Say I love you often to retain the warmth between you. Make each other laugh often, be playful and silly and stay young. Remember you are each other’s best friend. Stand together for each other always. May each day be a blessing and the fulfillment of your dreams.

**Intentions:**

Keith, Will you have Jenn 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 Jenn on love, caring, and understanding? Do you pledge to speak and to listen, to give and receive, and to be considerate of her wishes?

Do you promise to continue to do all the small thoughtful things that show Jenn how much you love her every day, and never forget how important these gestures of love are?

Do you promise to love and accept Rowen and Jack as part of your family? Do you promise to be by her side in sickness and in health for as long as you both shall live?

*Keith: I DO*

Jenn, Will you have Keith 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 Keith on love, caring, and understanding? Do you pledge to speak and to listen, to give and receive, and to be considerate of his wishes?

Do you promise to continue to do all the small thoughtful things that show Keith how much you love him every day, and never forget how important these gestures of love are?

Do you promise to love and accept Ariana and Andrew as part of your family? Do you promise to be by his side in sickness and in health for as long as you both shall live?

*Jenn: I DO*

**Reading**:

And now a reading of The Blessing of the Apaches presented by Ken

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.

Treat yourselves and each other with respect,
and remind yourselves often of what brought you together.
Give the highest priority to the tenderness,
gentleness and kindness that your connection deserves.
When frustration, difficulty and fear
assail your relationship - as they threaten all relationships
at one time or another -
remember to focus on what is right between you,
not only the part which seems wrong.
In this way, you can ride out the storms
when clouds hide the face of the sun in your lives
- remembering that even if you lose sight of it
for a moment, the sun is still there.
And if each of you takes responsibility
for the quality of your life together,
it will be marked by abundance and delight

**Vows:**

Keith, please repeat after me

Jenn, I say these words in love and confidence

You are my best friend, my soul mate, My Everything

I love you just the way you are

You are 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

A lifetime will not be long enough to love you,

so know this, there is no end to my love for you.

I will grow old with you,

Hold your hand, sleep by your side,

And be your best friend, your husband,

for the rest of my life.

Thank you for loving me the way you do.

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**Unity Ceremony: (Jenn and Keith will say to the kids)**

**Jenn:**  Today we become a family.  Ariana, Andrew, Rowen and Jack, the four of you are more important to us than we could ever tell you.  Your happiness is our biggest focus.

**Keith:** You bring so much joy and laughter into our lives.  We are here for you always, and we love you all so much.  Our cups are overflowing with goodness and love because of each of you.

**Sand Ceremony:**

Today you join your lives together. These bottles of sand of various colors symbolize all of your individual spirits. Each container and the sand within is unique, reflective of each of you and who you are. As these containers of sand are poured into the marriage vase, the different colors will join together to form something quite beautiful. From this moment on, these grains of sand can never be separated, as your family will your blended together always.

You may pour the sand

**Exchange of rings:**

The rings that you are about to exchange mark the beginning of a long journey together. They are also a symbol of infinity, time without end. Let your rings be a 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.

**Andrew, please hand Jenn’s ring to Keith**

Keith, as you place the ring on Jenn’s finger, please repeat after me

Jenn, The way you love me makes me whole and complete.

You make me more happy than I ever knew I could be.

I want nothing more than to make you happy every day

for the rest of our lives. Please take this ring as a symbol of my unending love and devotion.

**Andrew, please hand Keith’s ring to Jenn**

Jenn, as you place the ring on Keith’s finger, please repeat after me

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**Pronouncement:**

It is a privilege to share this moment with you, Keith and Jenn, Ariana, Andrew, Rowen and Jack, as you all begin your life together as a family.

Keith and Jenn, May you remember to rejoice in good times and good fortune, support each other through life's challenges, and may you always appreciate the life and love you have found with each other.

**Closing:**

It's with great joy and by the power vested in me by the State of New Hampshire, that I now pronounce you husband and Wife, Keith you may kiss your Bride.