



Rose LifeCycle Ceremonies
Celebrating Lives, One Ceremony at a Time.

PLANNING A CELEBRANT WEDDING CEREMONY

As your wedding Celebrant, I will work with you to understand what you really want your ceremony to convey. I will ask the right questions to help begin the planning, and our discussions will uncover many creative ideas and possibilities as the ceremony begins to take shape. With an understanding of your preferences, I will weave words around the ideas and stories you share, to create a unique ceremony that is respectful of your values and beliefs. Together we will create a ceremony that is a meaningful beginning to your married life.

The most visible part of my work is when I officiate at the ceremony. However, the vast majority of my work is 'behind the scenes'. I spend a significant amount of time interviewing both of you and, optionally, friends and/or family members. As I review this information, I conduct research to identify specific appropriate content and readings. I then begin to write and design the personalized ceremony, based on the information you share with me. Then the logistics involved in delivering the ceremony are finalized. The ceremony is not complete until you approve it.

The time we have to work together may involve several days of frequent interaction or may occur at a more leisurely pace, depending on your timeframe for the ceremony. Regardless of the pace, the time I dedicate to creating personalized ceremonies for my clients remains relatively consistent, about 20 hours.



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Steps	Couple's Responsibilities
Setting priorities	<p>Together we will establish your priorities for the ceremony. I will guide a discussion where we will discuss the following items. Understanding your preferences will help me create a ceremony which will meaningfully reflect the two of you and the nature of your relationship.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the tone you want to set for your ceremony? How do you want to feel? How do you want your guests to feel? • Do you want to involve loved ones in the ceremony? For example, children, parents, grandparents or friends? Do you want to honor any loved ones in the ceremony? • Are there any family, cultural, or religious rituals you would like to consider for the ceremony? • Do you have any poetry, readings, and/or prayers that are significant to you? • Are there any religious elements you would like to consider for the ceremony? <p><i>You may find it helpful to jot down your thoughts and any ideas that come to mind when you reflect on these questions.</i></p>
Sharing information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with me face to face, over the phone, via zoom and/or via email to share information. • Questionnaires are to be completed and submitted by email.
Ceremony design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be available to answer questions during the ceremony creation process.
Ceremony Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft ceremony will be shared for review in advance of the ceremony. • Review ceremony elements, providing feedback regarding content. • Review and approve any revisions to the ceremony
Ceremony day	<p>Relax to experience the emotion of the ceremony, knowing it is your meaningful wedding ceremony created just for you.</p>



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Steps	Celebrant's Responsibilities
Setting priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial meeting with couple to elicit the priorities for the ceremony. • Share preliminary ideas.
Securing information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with couple and other contributors (optional) to the ceremony, in person, by phone, and/or email for their ideas during the ceremony creation process.
Ceremony design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review information shared for the ceremony. • Follow up on comments that are shared to ensure complete understanding. • Conduct research and prepare the draft ceremony for initial review • Assist with writing of personal vows as requested.
Ceremony review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide couple with draft ceremony to review. <i>Note: timing is dependent upon receipt of information from couple.</i> • Discuss ceremony feedback and revise ceremony accordingly. • Continue discussion and revision of ceremony elements until ceremony is fully approved.
Ceremony planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with venue staff and other wedding vendors as needed. • Confirm final details with all ceremony participants. • Provide other vendors with ceremony outline, either in advance of ceremony, or on the day of the ceremony.
The Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive 1/2 to 1 hour in advance of ceremony, as needed. • Guide ceremony preparation activities as required, ensuring set up of equipment as planned for the ceremony. • Perform the ceremony.
After the Ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File the marriage license with the proper authorities.