

PROCESSIONAL

*Seating of Grandmothers*

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*Entrance of Shane, Michael, Tony, Larry & Tonny*

*Entrance of Jean, Terra, Leslie, Madison & Ethan, Janice & Don*

*Don kisses Janice, hugs Larry, sits down*

WELCOME REMARKS

**Officiant:** We are gathered here today to join Janice & Larry in marriage. It is fitting and appropriate that you, the friends and families of Janice and Larry, be here to witness and to participate in their wedding. Because the ideals, the understanding and the mutual respect that they bring to their marriage have their roots in the love, friendship and guidance you have given them. Marriage makes us aware of the changes brought by time, but the new relationship will continue to draw much of its beauty and meaning from the intimate associations of the past.

READINGS

**Officiant:** Now, a special poem, selected by Janice and Larry, will be read by Tom Thoma (pronounced toe-mah).

**Tom Thoma:** "Two Trees" by Janet Miles

A portion of your soul has been  
entwined with mine.

A gentle kind of togetherness, while  
separately we stand.

As two trees deeply rooted in  
separate pots of ground,  
while their topmost branches  
come together.

Forming a miracle of lace  
against the heavens.

**Officiant:** A special passage, selected by Janice and Larry, will be read by Meagan Boyd

**Meagan Boyd:** From "the Irrational Season" by Madeleine (ma-duh-lynn) L'Engle (lengle)  
Ultimately there comes a moment when a decision must be made. Ultimately two people who love each other must ask themselves how much they hope for as their love grows and deepens, and how much risk they are willing to take...It is indeed a fearful

gamble...Because it is the nature of love to create, a marriage itself is something which has to be created, so that, together we become a new creature.

To marry is the biggest risk in human relations that a person can take...If we commit ourselves to one person for life this is not, as many people think, a rejection of freedom; rather it demands the courage to move into all the risks of freedom, and the risk of love which is permanent; into that love which is not possession, but participation...It takes a lifetime to learn another person...When love is not possession, but participation, then it is part of that co-creation which is our human calling, and which implies such risk that it is often rejected.

### DECLARATION OF INTENT

**Officiant:** As an expression that your hearts are joined together in love, will you now face each other and join your hands as you declare your intentions.

**Officiant:** Larry, will you have Janice to be your wedded wife? Will you love her as a person, respect her as an equal, sharing joy as well as sorrow; triumph as well as defeat? Will you keep her beside you as long as you both shall live?

**Larry:** I will.

**Officiant:** Janice, will you have Larry to be your wedded husband? Will you love him as a person; respect him as an equal, sharing joy as well as sorrow; triumph as well as defeat? Will you keep him beside you as long as you both shall live?

**Janice:** I will.

### VOWS

**Officiant:** Larry you will now affirm your commitment and love to Janice by repeating these unique, solemn vows.

**Officiant :** I, Larry, take you Janice to be my wife (Larry repeats)

Loving what I know of you (Larry repeats)

and trusting what I do not yet know. (Larry repeats)

I promise to be honest with you (Larry repeats)

Kind, patient and forgiving (Larry repeats)

so that together our dreams (Larry repeats)

of a beautiful future can come true. (Larry repeats)

This is a commitment made in love (Larry repeats)

kept in faith (Larry repeats)  
and eternally made new. (Larry repeats)

**Officiant:** Janice you will now affirm your commitment and love to Larry by repeating these unique, solemn vows.

**Officiant:** I, Janice, take you Larry to be my Husband (Janice repeats)  
Loving what I know of you (Janice repeats)  
and trusting what I do not yet know. (Janice repeats)  
I promise to be honest with you (Janice repeats)  
Kind, patient and forgiving (Janice repeats)  
so that together our dreams (Janice repeats)  
of a beautiful future can come true. (Janice repeats)  
This is a commitment made in love (Janice repeats)  
kept in faith (Janice repeats)  
and eternally made new. (Janice repeats)

#### EXCHANGE OF RINGS

*Tonny gets the rings from Tony*

**Officiant:** A Circle is the symbol of the sun and the earth and the universe, of wholeness and perfection, and peace and love. The wedding band is worn on the third finger because of an ancient Greek belief that a vein from that finger goes directly to the heart. These rings mark the beginning of a long journey together. Wear them proudly, for they are symbols which speak of the love that you have for each other.

**Officiant:** Larry, as you place this ring on Janice's hand, repeat after me:  
In token and pledge (Larry repeats)  
of our constant faith and abiding love (Larry repeats)  
with this ring, I thee wed (Larry repeats)

**Officiant:** Janice, as you place this ring on Larry's hand, repeat after me:  
In token and pledge (Janice repeats)  
of our constant faith and abiding love (Janice repeats)  
with this ring, I thee wed (Janice repeats)

**Officiant:** May your ring always be the symbol of the unbroken circle of love. Love freely given has no beginning and no end. Love freely given has no giver and no receiver. You are each the giver and each the receiver. May your ring always call to mind the freedom and the power of this love.

### CLOSING

**Officiant:** This marriage is an event in the lifetime of a love. Neither we nor all society could join these two lovers today. Only they could do what they have chosen. They have joined themselves, each to the other. As they have found union with one another, they proclaimed that union today and pledged its future. We, by our participation in this celebration, do but recognize and honor their intention to live together as husband and wife.

### DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE

**Officiant:** Janice and Larry, you have proclaimed to all those gathered here today that you deeply love one another and wish to share life together- seeking an ever deeper, ever richer relationship. This union has been formed in friendship, in respect, in love. It brings me great joy to now pronounce you husband & wife. Larry, you may kiss your bride.

### INTRODUCTION

**Officiant:** It pleases me greatly to present to you for the first time Mr. and Mrs. Larry Carnevale!

### RECESSIONAL

*Janice & Larry*  
*Madison & Ethan*  
*Leslie & Tony*  
*Terra & Michael*  
*Jean & Shane*  
*Tonny*  
*Brett ushers Sally*  
*Don & Karen*  
*Pat & Larry Sr*