

Remembrance of Departed Relatives and Friends

Ceremonies can include a Remembrance. Sometimes this is combined with the Unity Candle – See *Unity Symbols*.

Remembrance - 1.

Remembrance

Our community is shared, if in a different way, by those who have passed beyond this life. Their roles in the life of Grm and Bde are remembered and honored as we reflect upon today's joyous moments. Join with us, then, in fond memory of all these people, and in particular the grandfathers/grandmothers (names) fathers/mothers (names) of the Groom and Bride, (names) and (names). In their memory, let us be silent together.

Moment of Silence

In all the quiet of this very special moment, we pause, also to give thanks for all the rich experiences of life that have brought Grm and Bde to this point in their lives. We are grateful for the values that have flowed into them from those who have loved them and nurtured them and pointed them along life's way. The heritage each brings to this marriage will continue to be an important element in their lives, but now will be shared between them.

Unity Candle/Remembrance Candles

This can follow the Remembrance and an additional candle or candles can be lit in front of a photograph of a departed relative.

Remembrance - 2.

With just Remembrance Candles and no Unity Candle

Separate candles can be lit without having a Unity Candle.

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Moment of Silence

The Bride and Groom light Candle(s).

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Remembrance - 3.

Remembrance

The Love here today is shared by each of us in a different way, the love of family, and the love of friends. There is yet another strong love not openly visible here today, that of the love shared by those who have already passed beyond this earthly world. Though they are not here physically, their support and love can be felt in the roles their lives have played in the development of Grm and Bde.

Let us pause in today's joyous moments, for a moment of silence, in fond memory and respect to these people, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, friends and in particular, the Bde's/Grm's ().

Moment of Silence

Remembrance - 4.**Remembrance**

As we celebrate the joy of this wedding, Grm and Bde also remember Grm's Bde's Mother / Father, Grandfather / Grandmother who is/are with us in spirit.

*Moment of Silence***Remembrance - 5. Loved Ones and Military Personnel**

This was done at a Fort Snelling Chapel Wedding.

Moment of Silence

With a moment of silence, we remember those who cannot be here with us today, loved ones, and also all military personnel around the world defending our nation.

*Moment of Silence***Remembrance - 6. Remembering Your Mother****The Journey of a Mother**

A mother is more than a memory. She is a living presence. Your mother is always with you.

She's the whisper of leaves as you walk down the street, she's the smell of certain foods you remember, the perfume that she wore.

She's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well. She's your breath in the air on a cold winters day. She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep.

Your mother lives inside your laughter and she's the crystal in every tear drop. A mother shows every emotion happiness, sadness, fear,

love, hate, helplessness, excitement, joy and sorrow and all the while hoping and praying you will only know the good feelings in life.

She's the place you came from, your first home, and she's the map you follow every step you take. She's your first love, your first friend, even your first enemy, but nothing on Earth can separate you, not time, not space, not even death.

From A Mother's Love - written in 1933 by Temple Bailey