

## **Personal Letters**

The key ingredient to a beautiful wedding is that the ceremony be PERSONAL. Over the years I have asked the engaged couples to write me letters (one from the bride and one from the groom) some time before the date of the wedding.

These letters enable me to capture the spirit of the couple so that my remarks will be reflective of your relationship, that is, your history as a couple.

These letters are personal but do not have to be formal. They may be hand-written, e-mailed, faxed, or personally delivered at one of our conferences or you can simply mail them to me. You may wish to include some of the following ideas:

What attracted you to your intended spouse?

What are your dreams as a couple?

Describe the first sighting, early courtship, engagement, honeymoon plans, etc.

Anything cute or special about your meeting, your relationship?

Describe your love for him/her.

Any great experiences that you have shared? E.g. trips, sports, good times, sad times?

What makes your loved one special?

These are only ideas for the letters. You do not have to include all of the above suggestions. The letters are not meant to be a burden or to cause you stress, so BE BRIEF. One or two pages are just fine. The deadline for the letters is three days before the wedding although you may wish to forward them by email well in advance of the ceremony for your peace of mind. I'm always pleased to receive the letters about a week before your ceremony.

Thanks for your input. (email: [alfredburnham@att.net](mailto:alfredburnham@att.net); my cell is (949) 233-9214 and my fax number is (949)215-3794.)