

**The Wedding
Of
William J. Jones
And
Anna Maria Carter
May 22, 2004**

**Officiated
By
Dr. F. Lee Ring**



We are gathered here today to celebrate one of life's greatest moments, to give recognition to the worth and beauty of love, and to add our best wishes to the words which shall unite William J. Jones and Anna Maria Carter in marriage.

Should there be anyone who has cause why this couple should not be united in marriage, they must speak now or forever hold their peace.

Who is it that brings this woman to this man?

William and Anna Maria, life is given to each of us as individuals, and yet we must learn to live together. Love is given to us by our family or by our friends. We learn to love by being loved. Learning to love and living together is one of the greatest challenges of life - and is the shared goal of a married life.

VOWS

William, do you take Anna Maria to be your Wife?

Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect her, forsaking all others and holding only unto her?

Anna Maria, do you take William to be your Husband?

Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect him, forsaking all others and holding only unto him?



Rings

Repeated Vows & Wedding Rings

"Wedding rings are an outward and visible sign of an inward spiritual grace and the unbroken circle of love, signifying to all the union of this man and this woman in marriage."

(William) With this ring, I, William, take thee, Anna Maria to be my Wife- to have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, and I promise my love to you forevermore.

(Anna Maria) With this ring, I, Anna Maria, take thee William, to be my Husband. To have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, and I promise my love to you forevermore.

Music

Exhortation

William and Anna Maria, as the two of you come into this marriage uniting you as husband and wife, and as you this day affirm your faith and love for one another, I would ask that you always remember to cherish each other as special and unique individuals, that you respect the thoughts, ideas and suggestions of one another. Be able to forgive, do not hold grudges, and live each day that you may share it together - as from this day forward you shall be each other's home, comfort and refuge, your marriage strengthened by your love and respect for each other.



Corinthians

"A marriage ceremony represents one of life's greatest commitments. But it also is a declaration of love. I wish to read to you what Paul wrote of love in a letter to the Corinthians. I believe it is a true model of love and it is a model of love I hope you pursue in your marriage:

Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud.

Love is never haughty or selfish or rude.

Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable or touchy.

Love does not hold grudges and will hardly notice when others do it wrong.

Love is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out.

If you love someone, you will be loyal to them no matter what the costs. You will always believe in them, always expect the best in them, and will always stand your ground in defending them.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, (or "Oh Lord") our hearts are filled with great happiness on William and Anna Maria 's wedding day, as they come before You pledging their hearts and lives to one another. Grant that they may ever be true and loving; living together in such a way as to never bring shame or heartbreak into their marriage. Temper their hearts with kindness and understanding; rid them of all pretense or jealousy. Help them to remember to be each other's sweetheart, helpmate, best friend and guide, so that together they may meet the cares and problems of life more bravely. And with the passage of time, may they find great contentment in the rich joy of senior companionship. May the home they are creating today truly be a place of love and harmony, where Your Spirit is always present. Bless this marriage we pray and walk beside William and Anna Maria throughout all of their lives together. We ask these things in Christ name; Amen



He is now to be among you at the calling of your hearts
Rest assured this troubadour is acting on His part.
The union of your spirits, here, has caused Him to remain
For whenever two or more of you are gathered in His name
There is Love. There is Love.

A man shall leave his mother and a woman leave her home
And they shall travel on to where the two shall be as one.
As it was in the beginning is now and til the end
Woman draws her life from man and gives it back again.
And there is Love. There is Love.

Well then what's to be the reason for becoming man and wife?
Is it Love that brings you here or Love that brings you life?
And if loving is the answer, then who's the giving for?
Do you believe in something that you've never seen before?
Oh there's Love, there is Love.

Oh the marriage of your spirits here has caused Him to remain
For whenever two or more of you are gathered in His name
There is Love. There is Love

The Proclamation

William and Anna Maria , in so much as the two of you
have agreed to live together in Holy Matrimony, have
promised your love for each other by these vows, the
joining of your hands and the giving of these rings, I now
declare you to be Husband and Wife.
Whom God hath joined together, let no one put asunder.

"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make
his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the
Lord lift up his countenance unto to you, and give you
peace."

Congratulations, you may kiss your bride.

It is my privilege to present to you

Mr. & Mrs. William J. Jones

