# Dearly Beloved Officiating Services and Fees

## It's time to plan your wedding!

Such an honor to be part of a couples' Big Day. I limit the number of weddings for the year so I can be 100% available! I never book more than one in the same day.

I'll lead you through the process each step of the way and offer ideas for the ceremony that meets the "movie in your mind"! It's a collaborative experience, but I always defer to my couples. This is *your* day.

Here are the steps for a full wedding ceremony (see list of ceremony options below).

- **Step 1** We'll schedule a consultation to meet up in person, by phone or Zoom to talk about your vision for the ceremony. I'll determine the officiant fee for your wedding ceremony and answer all of your questions. *Your fee is quaranteed and won't change once confirmed.*
- **Step 2** You'll pay a non-refundable deposit of \$100 within a week to hold your ceremony date. I'll confirm the booking details and close out that date on my calendar.
- **Step 3** Let me be your ceremony concierge! You may email, call or text me with any questions and to share bits of information as your plans take shape along the way. I'll check in with you from time to time to see how it's going and remind you to find some quality time together during this busy time.
- **Step 4** About two months before the wedding, we'll begin to create your ceremony script. I have a unique approach to telling your love story as part of the ceremony. We'll work on it together and you'll have final approval OR choose to be surprised on your wedding day. I'll make sure the ceremony contains the legal requirements for marriage in Pennsylvania.

I'll walk you through what the two of you need to do to obtain your marriage license.

- **Step 5** The week of your wedding, we'll touch base by phone or Zoom for the final run through. I will send you a comprehensive rehearsal guide for your practice session to make it all go smoothly. Sometimes a venue requires my attendance at the rehearsal. Occasionally, a couple requests this, too. In those cases, I will attend the rehearsal and add that fee.
- Step 6 On your wedding day, I'll arrive at your venue at least 30 minutes before the ceremony (usually even earlier because that's just the way I am) and I'll check in with everyone and make any last-minute adjustments. And now, we're ready to go—let's get you married!
- **Step 7** My responsibilities as an Officiant include mailing the signed marriage certificate to the Clerk of Courts to confirm that your legal wedding took place. I'll follow up with you a few weeks after your wedding and request some of your favorite photos from the ceremony for my use.

Now you can enjoy your lives together as a married couple!

## Let Me Be Your Officiant and Ceremony Concierge

### My Services and Fees for 2025

Weddings can be expensive, so I endeavor to make my fees as affordable as possible while honoring my time and talents. I don't charge based on the number of guests for full ceremonies. No tipping necessary. *All fees are known up front*. No surprises!

## Classic or Modern Wedding \$425 (no fee increase this year!)

A full ceremony of 30-200 guests held at a wedding venue or residence. Includes:

- Consultation and regular check ins
- Day of coordination with photographer, DJ, planners and venue contact
- Suggested readings and special moments
- Collaborative and personalized ceremony script
- Information on obtaining license; Officiant will file it with the Clerk of Courts
- Provide comprehensive rehearsal guide, <u>Officiant does not attend the rehearsal unless specific arrangements have been made</u>.

#### Elopements, Mini-mony, Legal Ceremony \$200

I do my very best to work in elopements, even at the last minute. An elopement or mini-mony is a more informal ceremony for the couple and up to 30 guests. This can be booked up to one month before your date. Remember, it may take 10-14 days to obtain your marriage license, so some planning is required. Payment is due at time of booking.

A legal ceremony is a bit different. Destination weddings, medical insurance, wanting a family member to "perform" the ceremony—these situations might make it necessary to take care of the legal requirements before the wedding day. I can help.

An elopement, mini-mony or legal ceremony includes:

- Call to confirm the details
- Assistance in finding location options
- Meaningful, standard script or simple vow exchange
- Information on obtaining license; Officiant will file it with the Clerk of Courts

#### Script for Self-Uniting Ceremony \$150

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, couples may take out a license that allows them to legally unite in marriage without an Officiant. Only witnesses are required. Originally in support of Quaker marriages, this is an option available to everyone regardless of religious faith. I will create a beautiful, personalized script that a friend or family member can use to emcee your ceremony. I do not attend the wedding. Payment due at time of booking.

- Consultation, plus a final script review
- Suggested readings and special moments
- Collaborative and personalized ceremony script for you to use at your wedding
- Information on obtaining a self-uniting license; couple will file it with the Clerk of Courts

#### Vow Renewals \$200

Add a fun element to your anniversary party or plan a special ceremony all its own. Renewals are a great way to say, "I'd marry you all over again!" Payment is due at time of booking.

- Consultation, plus a phone check in
- Affirmation and renewal of wedding vows
- Ring exchange (optional)
- Ideas on how to make this a memorable moment

#### Travel Fee \$75

For all services, I charge for travel per hour from York to your venue/location and back home again. I'll determine the amount during our consultation.

### Wedding Rehearsal \$75

I provide a comprehensive rehearsal guide to make it easy for you to rehearse on your own in 30 minutes or less to help keep the cost down. Sometimes the venue requires the Officiant to be on site for the rehearsal. Sometimes the couple would like this reassurance on their own. The fee is \$75 for up to one hour of rehearsal time, plus travel fee, if needed.

- Prepare a rehearsal plan based on your wedding details
- Rehearse with the wedding party and families
- Coordination with wedding planner or venue contact

#### **Custom Ceremony**

Fee varies

Do you a unique idea in mind for your wedding that doesn't fit these options? Let's talk about designing your ceremony in a way that works for the two of you.

#### **Deposit and Balance Fees**

<u>A \$100 non-refundable deposit</u> is required to book Classic or Modern weddings with the balance due the day of the wedding. All other services require full payment at the time of confirmed booking.

Payments are made to Jean Treuthart by Venmo (@jtreuthart), credit card, check, cash, or money order. Your fee is guaranteed and won't change once confirmed. No tipping necessary.

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