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Give Yourself the Gift of *Wedding Day Peace of Mind.*

"What does an Officiate do?"

Your Officiate is a consummate professional without which there would be no marriage. It is the least expensive cost in a typical wedding, yet the only required part.

You can't have a legal marriage without an Officiate, Ministers, Priests, or Justice of the Peace, etc. Ministers, Priests, or Justice of Peace, etc. all collect a salary plus receive an honorarium; an Officiate does not.

Our fee is our income.

It takes an average of 10 hours of work per ceremony and can include the following:

- consultations
- scheduling appointments, dealing with no-shows and couples who are late
- emails, phone calls
- sometimes months of work to nail down the ceremony, vow & reading choices
- research for particular non-traditional ceremonies; knowing where to look and of course the officiates experience and education related to finding the information
- ceremony prep, drafts, proof-reads, approvals, updates, modifications, last minute changes, re-approvals
- ceremony practice time
- travel time + mileage to and from rehearsal, gas
- waiting before rehearsal
- coordinating rehearsal
- travel time + mileage to and from wedding, gas
- waiting before ceremony
- signing your legal documents
- performing ceremony
- after a ceremony waiting for payment
- paperwork, paperwork, paperwork; overhead costs (including advertizing)
- mailing your legal documents

- Personal sacrifices--time lost with significant others on the weekends; typically officiate work is on Friday, Saturday and Sunday

The most important part:

Your Officiate is a consummate professional without which there would be no marriage.

It is the least expensive cost in a typical wedding, yet the only required part.

You can have a wedding without flowers, DJ, expensive dresses and fancy food.

You can't have a legal marriage without an Officiate.

Be careful where you cut your corners!



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