



Ceremony Version by Officiant  
(for special recognition of the bridal party)

*(The Officiant says):* Oftentimes at a wedding celebration, the bridesmaids and groomsmen are overlooked because the focus is mainly on the Bride and Groom. However, (Groom) \_\_\_\_\_ and (Bride) \_\_\_\_\_ want everyone here to know how much you mean to them. You have been asked to stand up with them as their attendants to witness the most important event of their lives. (Groom's) \_\_\_\_\_ friends who stand with him today have always been there for him just as (Bride's) \_\_\_\_\_ friends who stand with her today have always been there for her. That is what friends do. Friends are always there for you through the good times and the bad. Friends are always there to listen to you. They do not judge, they do not condemn, they do not criticize. Instead, they support, they encourage, they challenge. The Bible says, "A friend loves at all times." It also has been said that "a true friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."

Outside of the marriage and family relationship, there is no greater bond that exists than that of the bond of friendship. And so, (Groom) \_\_\_\_\_ and (Bride) \_\_\_\_\_ would like to present each of you with a friendship gift. *(At this point, the Bride and Groom may present each attendant with their friendship gift.)* This gift is a specially designed keepsake called the Attendant Pendant™. The Attendant Pendant™ design is created in the shape of a circle, which signifies the "circle of love" that exists between friends. Within this larger circle are two smaller circles, each holding a heart. The two hearts represent the Bride and Groom. The two circles that encompass the hearts represent the Bride's and Groom's individual circle of friends. You can see that the two hearts are intertwined, signifying the joining of two best friends, the Bride and Groom, in the bonds of marriage. But notice that their individual circles are linked together, as well, symbolizing that the bonds of friendship also are being woven together in such a way that *his friends* and *her friends* now have become *their friends*. Let me share a poem about friendship that expresses the feelings the Bride and Groom have for each one of you.

### Circle of Friends

Love is a circle, no beginning and no end. It keeps us together like our Circle of Friends.  
But the gift of love I want you to see is the treasure of friendship you have given to me.  
Our bonds are strong and cannot be broken. Because of our friendship, this oath must be spoken:

When you are sad, I will dry your tears. When you are scared, I will comfort your fears.

When you are worried, I will give you hope. When you are confused, I will help you cope.

When you are lost and can't see the light, I shall be your beacon, shining ever so bright.

This is my oath, I pledge till the end. "Why?" you may ask.

Because you are my FRIEND.

Whenever you look at your Attendant Pendant™, may it remind you of this day of celebration and the special bonds of love that forever tie you to this circle of friends.