



Rehearsal Dinner Version by Bride and Groom
(for special recognition of the bridal party)

(The Groom/Bride says): All of you have come here today because you are very special to (Bride/Groom) _____ and me. Our wedding would not be complete without you here, and we have asked you to stand up with us because you are our closest friends. Sometimes the bridesmaids and groomsmen get lost in the wedding celebration because the focus is on the Bride and Groom. But we want you to know that it is an honor to have you here to share in our special day. We have been through a lot together. My friends have always been there for me, just as I know (Bride's/Groom's) _____ friends have always been there for her/him. (Optional: The Bible says that "A friend loves at all times," and you certainly have demonstrated that in our lives.)

We want everyone to know just how much you mean to us. So, (Bride/Groom) _____ and I have something we would like to give you. We want this to be not only a reminder of our wedding, but also a reminder of how special your friendship is to us. *(At this point, the Bride and Groom present each attendant with their friendship gift.) (The Groom/Bride then says):* This is our friendship gift to you. It 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 two best friends, (Bride/Groom) _____ and me. Each heart is encompassed by its own circle, which represents (Bride's/Groom's) _____ individual circle of friends and my individual circle of friends. You can see that the two hearts are intertwined, signifying the joining of our hearts in the bonds of marriage. But notice that the individual circles are linked together, as well, symbolizing that the bonds of friendship also are being woven together. *(Bride's/Groom's) _____ friends and my friends now have become our friends.* Let me share a poem about friendship that expresses the feelings (Bride/Groom) _____ and I 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.