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How to Personalize Your Wedding Ceremony

including their families and guests in the ceremony such as:

- The bride and groom can face the guests while reciting their vows.
- The bride can hand a rose to both mothers and/or other special guests. At smaller weddings, all female guests can receive a rose as they enter the wedding location.

- The couple can honor deceased relatives, especially parents or grandparents. They can print a tribute to the deceased in the wedding program, or the officiant can make special mention of the person. Another way to honor the deceased is to light a candle in honor of the individual during the ceremony.

- As a touching surprise element, the groom can return after the recessional to escort his mother out of the church or area where the ceremony took place.
- The celebration can start as soon as guests arrive by hosting a cocktail hour before the ceremony. It's best to keep it simple by serving the couple's signature drink.

- A wedding program can feature small photos of the couple's family members, and, on the back of the program, the bride and groom can include a short message welcoming the guests to their celebration and expressing gratitude for their attendance.
- The couple can skip tossing rice at the end of the ceremony and instead have their guests

wave ribbon wands or sparklers as the bride and groom exit the ceremony. Noise makers could also be placed on the seats at the ceremony, so guests can use them when you walk out.

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The reception is not the only part that can be fun on your wedding day. You can make your ceremony as exciting, meaningful, and inventive as the reception!

If the wedding ceremony will be celebrated in a church, meet with the officiant or a church coordinator to find out if you can customize your ceremony. Many couples these days compose their own poem or prayer to accompany their vows. The bride and groom should have a written copy, rather than attempt to recite from memory. Ideas with special touches for your ceremony can incorporate the couple's interest in

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