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General background/info:

I/we do this as a service to the community. I personally do it because I enjoy being part of this important juncture in couple's lives and it is a way for me to give back to those whom have served me and my family over the years. Although not my vocation, I am an ordained minister and have performed numerous weddings. I can tailor your ceremony to whichever/whatever way you desire. I donate my proceeds from this to a center I am developing to help those suffering from addiction.

Frequent questions:

What is the cost?

The price is \$50 for the service. (See attached "Rules and Procedures for Fairfax County Marriage Celebrants"). Travel expenses should be reimbursed (.54/mile and any parking fees). Any pre-meetings, rehearsal requirements, etc., should be considered and negotiated. If you are in a time crunch and want me to personally deliver the signed license copies to the circuit court where you applied, and if I'm available, it would be an additional \$0.54/mile round trip (66 miles round trip for me to Fairfax Circuit Court and 25 miles round trip to Alexandria Circuit Court) – no charge for the time. If you would like them to be priority mailed it's an additional \$5. I'll take care of first class postage. Signed copies are required to be returned by me to the court within 5 days of your ceremony. Any gratuity/tip is completely up to you and is not a requirement. Again, this is a service we perform for the community and is not meant to be a money maker!

Can you provide suggested vows?

Yes!

Can you suggest locations?

Yes!

Why you, Mike McD?

Because you probably need someone to do this for you! ...and mainly because I genuinely care and desire to serve. I've been married for 34+ years and know a little about helping to make it work thru all the things we typically say in our wedding vows. We've been thru all of them. I personally consider the vows we make to each other in our marriage ceremony to be exactly what they are called – vows and/or a covenant. I believe love/marriage is a commitment – not just a feeling. I'm there to help beforehand or afterwards in any way I can but will absolutely not force it upon you!