On this day of great celebration and joy, on the \_\_\_ day of the week, the \_\_\_\_ day of the month, in the year of \_\_\_\_, Nancy, daughter of Alice and Bert, and Denise, daughter of Linda and George, spoke the words and performed the rites which united their lives and affirmed their love in the presence of God’s blessings.

You are my forever friend whom I trust with all things that make me who I am. When I am small and feeling low, I know you will be by my side, loving me and supporting me. When you feel unlikeable and are at your worst, I will help you remember the Divine in you.

When we are at cross ends, I will remember that it is you who reaches for me unconsciously and unconditionally, whether it be providing warmth and love as we sleep or taking a stroll down an enchanting path in the woods. When our small grievances seem so enormous in the moment, I will see them as opportunities to grow on our life’s path together and but a small shadow in the brilliance of our unwavering love for each other. When you share your thoughts and feelings, I will listen with open curiosity and sensitivity, without judgment or criticism, while maintaining the intimacy that fosters trust, honesty and communication.

I will keep all your confidences sacred and not hold them against you. I will rest my hand on your heart when it hurts. I will honor your independence and your individuality. I acknowledge that you are not responsible for making me feel whole. I take full responsibility for my spiritual, mental and physical restoration and wholeness.

Casting a divide between wounds of past lives and our trust and faith in each other, I promise to love, cherish, encourage and inspire you. I take you to be my wife and lift up above all others. I thank G-d for you and am blessed to have you.

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