

**Dear Capt. Arnold**

This letter is long overdue, but as time passes you are more and more appreciated. It meant so much to us that someone who had met us before we went on the journey towards marriage could marry us. I knew from the time we had met before and all the stories we had heard about you that one day when the time was right you would be the one to marry us. Of all the difficult decisions that come with planning a wedding, you were the easiest and you exceeded our expectations a million times over. We still continue to this day, almost a year later, hearing about how wonderful and amazing Capt. Arnold was at our wedding. From family to friends and colleagues, young and old, everyone has acknowledged how special you made our ceremony and as we continue to attend more weddings since, all we hear is "That was nice, but it wasn't the Captain." When you really look back, a wedding isn't about the flowers, the cake or the dress. It's about the commitment two people make to each other and you made that moment stand out and not be forgotten as so many tend to do. Words can't describe how memorable you made our wedding. You made us laugh and cry and really think about the commitment we were making. The sand ceremony and the rose ceremony really added that individual touch so many of our guests had never seen, adding to the uniqueness we successfully created with your help. You truly have an amazing way with words and know how to captivate people's hearts. You are a special person and will hold a very dear place with us always. We look forward to watching our video ceremony over and over and it is because of you that we will continue to enjoy one of the most memorable moments of our lives. Thank you for being part of our wedding and for everything you did to make it special. Take care of yourself and hopefully we will see you soon.

**Love always, Jill & Sanjoy 8/10/07**

**Dear Captain Arnold,**

There aren't enough ways to say thank you for making our wedding day something very special that we will always remember! You performed a beautiful ceremony for Eric and I on June 22, 2007 aboard Royal Caribbean's Explorer of the Seas, and we will never forget a single moment of it thanks to you and your staff! We both followed your advice and left all of our thoughts and worries behind us and really LISTENED to your words as you presided over our ceremony, and I'm so very glad we did! Every sentence was beautiful, touching and profound. Many of our guests approached us after the ceremony and told us how moving it was! **Thank you again, from the bottom of our hearts!**

**Eric and Courtney Gray 6/22/07**

## About the Captain!



**F**or more than 35 years, Captain Arnold has been an active U.S.C.G Licensed Captain. He is also the only Captain who is an "Ordained Chaplain" that is registered with the City Clerk's Office of the City of New York.

Captain Arnold performs beautiful, unique and memorable Wedding Ceremonies on land or at sea, aboard the vessel of your choice or at the waterside restaurant, catering hall or any land reception facility of your choice. His "Ceremony of Love" has been seen around the world and he has been chosen from many to perform his ceremony at the "Wedding of the Year" special event for the prestigious and ever popular LI Weddings.com and he has been voted the 2011 "Best of Weddings" by couples of "the knot". The Captain is also the "exclusive" wedding Officiant for several major cruise ships such as Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, Norwegian Cruise Lines, Princess Cruise Lines and Celebrity Cruise Lines. He will assist you in personalizing your vows to highlight your sentiments and emotions for this most important day. The Captain is always available to answer your questions 24/7 and to assist you with every phase of your wedding ceremony so that it will indeed be "a wedding ceremony to remember." Visit his website [www.NauticalWeddingBells.com](http://www.NauticalWeddingBells.com) for additional information that may help you in planning your wedding. Take one look at the Captain's website, view the many accolades of praise he receives from couples that have experienced his beautiful ceremony and your search for a wedding Officiant will be over. Guaranteed!

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**O**n April 17th, 2011. I performed a wedding ceremony for a beautiful couple at the historic "Inn at Woodstock Hill" a lovely spot on this planet that had it all. Romantic elegance, country charm, gracious ambiance and tranquil beauty, all nestled in the beautiful hills of Connecticut. And what even made it more special, is that with well over a thousand wedding ceremonies that I've performed, I've known the Bride that stood before me since the day she was born. I've watched her grow into a beautiful young lady and shared many special days in her life. Oh! By the way, she's my Granddaughter! A few weeks later, she wrote me this note that I share with all my couples.

**Dear Grandpa,**

When we decided to get married, we knew the true heart and focus for us would be the ceremony. Initially, I felt so honestly overwhelmed by so much of what we laughingly called the "wedding industrial complex" and all the unnecessary distractions and drama that wedding planning unfortunately but inevitably brings. We wanted to stay with the true meaning of the day. We wanted words that merged our two lives and brought eternal symbols and rituals to life in a solemn, but joyous way. We wanted something simple, elegant, and deeply meaningful. And that is exactly what you provided.

As a writer and teacher, I searched through many, many stacks of books trying to find the right words to pledge a lifetime to another person. You told me you had it all set and ready, and not to worry or stress. Finally, I had the faith to believe you and trust your experience and drop my intimidating task. After all, I had seen you perform ceremonies for other couples and each time was wonderful and flawless. I put my books away and left it up to you. I'm glad I did. Your ceremony is just the right balance of humorous and sentimental. It is exactly on the mark.

The funny thing is, many of the words spoken were exactly some of the things I stumbled across and loved the very most. Certain lines of poems and sayings that were exactly what I had found and underlined were weaved together with a masterful touch. It's really as though you read our minds and found the wise words about the sacred commitment and unparalleled love marriage brings. You did all the work finding the right words so we could simply focus on the experience itself. I am so grateful for that.

You said everything we wanted you to say and much more. Your engaging, rich voice and touching sentiments brought tears of emotion to guests we know well and even to strangers witnessing the truth and beauty of your words. To listen to you speak about love is transformative and resonates with every person present. We were so touched and moved by the magic of your ceremony and so was everyone joining us in a perfect moment of connection and bliss.

We have and we will reflect back often to the meaningful words spoken and revel in the powerful and transformative ceremony you created. You helped us focus on the true purpose of the day: to connect our lives and pause to be grateful and celebrate the love that holds our families together.

Love Always,

**Nicole and Josh**



**Dear Capt. Arnold**

We just wanted to take a moment and thank you for the part you played in making our wedding day so special. Many of our guests told me that our ceremony was the best they had ever attended. It was a real hardship for Bruce's mom to come to the wedding, but after the ceremony she told me that she would never have forgiven herself if she had missed such a beautiful service. As you know, you were recommended to us by the managerial staff at the Gatsby. Once I spoke to you, I was confident that you were going to do the right job for us. I know our ceremony was a little unique because it was a second marriage for both of us, and we both come from different religious backgrounds. As I had expressed to you, the goal of our wedding was to have our close friends and family celebrate with us as we formalized an eleven year relationship. We wanted our event to be memorable and fun. You gave us that and more. Your words completely captivated the audience. People laughed, couples held hands and I think we all took a few minutes to reflect on the true meaning of love. I think the addition of the unity candle and wine ceremonies brought an element of spirituality to the ceremony that was appreciated by all faiths. You told me to trust you to pick out beautiful vows that would make our ceremony special. You certainly lived up to your promise. I especially appreciated the fact that you sent us a copy of them as a keepsake. You are a true professional who clearly loves what he does. We are so glad that we chose you to play this very special role in our lives. Thank you for a day that was everything we wanted it to be.

**Sincerely, Kim & Bruce Kane 10/13/07**

**Dear Captain Arnold:**

What can you say to an extraordinary individual who has the ability to take just one brief moment of our life and in doing so, create a memory that will last a lifetime. We want to sincerely thank you for a wonderful ceremony and your words of inspiration and commitment. Your personalized approach and sense of humor made our day all the more special. We felt your words as they truly touched our hearts and resonated in our feelings for one another. The words you spoke not only celebrated our union, but offered valuable counsel and wisdom, which we have embraced and will continue to strive toward in our daily lives. Our families were also deeply moved by the ceremony (they are still talking about it!) And your ability to articulate the goodness and challenges that marriage brings.

**Sincerely, Sebastian & Polly Douglas 8/15/04**

**Hello Captain Arnold,**

I just want to take the time to thank you for all you have done to make our day memorable. Thank you so much for all the special, personal touches that you have incorporated into our ceremony. It was truly something we will always remember! We have been told by our friends and loved ones that we had a beautiful ceremony. From the child ceremony to the special dedications for the ones who couldn't be there, every word was meaningful. Thank you for everything! God Bless,

**Crystal & Jack Kramer 7/10/11**

**Hello!**

We're sorry this note is getting to you so long after our wedding, but our memories of the beautiful ceremony you performed for us are still so fresh and clear. How can we ever thank you for putting an 'exclamation point' on a terrific week-end for us? Your beautiful words and vows (and great sense of humor) will stay with us always, and our guests as well several of them commented to us how lovely they found the ceremony. Indeed, we are still answering questions from guests who call us to ask how we found out about you! Also, we must thank you for all of the information you provided as a guideline on, 'How to get married.' You made the entire process, from before the wedding until waiting for the marriage certificate, so easy and organized. Your website is great and we wouldn't have been able to go through the process with as much ease as we did without it as a reference source. Now our only problem is: How long do we need to wait to renew our vows before we can call you again? In truth, we are thinking of doing just that next year on our one year anniversary and we can only hope you are available to make another special event perfect. You have our highest praise and wish you all the best in life, as you have definitely made an important and everlasting impact on ours. With great affection,

**Melanie and Christian In 10/3/09**

**Captain,**

You made our day to one of the most impressing day's in our life's. Your recommended location was so beautiful and harmoniously, it will stay in our memory for ever. The way you did the ceremony was touching and empathetic, the sand ceremony was a very nice idea and symbolizes a partnership very well. All together, I think there is no better way to celebrate a wedding. Sonja and myself, as well as our friends, enjoyed this great day a lot. Thank's for all the activities you made for us in preparation for this day. You fulfilled all our expectations more than 100%, everything was so smooth and perfect in time. To everybody who reads this block on Captain Arnold's homepage – You can't find anyone better than Captain Arnold !!!

**Sonja & Jürgen From Austria 5/20/11**

**Dearest Captain Arnold,**

Perfection...the only possible word we can think of to describe our wedding ceremony. From the moment we met you a few months ago, you have been so supportive and wonderful. You helped us make important decisions and assisted us with some fun surprises. During the ceremony your words were so gorgeous and romantic, and it is as if you have known us forever. When we spoke with you for the first time, we said we wanted our ceremony to be about love, and you made our visions come to life. Our guests complimented the ceremony over and over again, saying that this was the most beautiful and romantic ceremony they had ever seen. Thank you for everything, and thank you for playing such an important role in our very special fairy tale. You are amazing!

**Rachel and Eric Curran 5/29/2011**

**Dear Captain Arnold,**

Thank you so much for the beautiful wedding ceremony you performed for us on April 21, 2007. The ceremony was so special and so unique. The words you spoke truly touched us as well as our guests. Your words were very inspirational and touched our lives forever. When I was looking for an Officiant for our wedding, I searched the internet and found you! I was immediately drawn to your very informative website and beautiful references. I knew from the first email I sent you, that I wanted to have you perform our ceremony. Every email and phone conversation we exchanged gave me a sense of calmness and security that we were in good hands. You exceeded our expectations! Even the hosts at the Channel Club told us "you are the most efficient officiate they had ever worked with." After the ceremony, our guests could not stop talking about "the Captain" and where did I find you. People are still talking about how that was the best ceremony they have ever been too and one they actually enjoyed sitting through!

**Love, Heather and Michael Hiel 4/21/07**

**Dear Captain Arnold**

All our guests have raved to us as to what a profoundly moving ceremony it was and how much they enjoyed your humor, your gorgeous words and the moments taken for lost loved ones, for our commitment to Devin our son and gratitude to the women who have shaped us. People we had not expected to cry were brought to tears. Swinging singles told us they now felt the urge to wed. And many already married couples commented that if they had it to do again, they would ask you to join them.

**Warmest Regards, Judy & David 10/1/05**

**Dear Capt. Arnold**

We both wanted to thank you so much for marrying us last month. We went to City Hall in Manhattan to get our marriage license on the Friday but as soon as I stepped in there I knew I couldn't get married there. It was cold, un-romantic, a conveyor belt for weddings. I was a bride that didn't want a fuss, but it still had to be special. I went into panic mode my Mum had flown over from England for the wedding and Matthew only had a few precious days booked that he could take off work. I got home and got straight on the Internet. I called a few places and they didn't seem to be listening to what we wanted, insisting on over priced 'packages'. Then by chance we found your website and I called imagining it would be too late. However, you were not at all phased by arranging a wedding in the less than 48 hours. You handled everything with a calm, un-shakable organization and recommended the stunning location of the Ladies Pavilion in Central Park. When the day came the sun shone for the first time in weeks, the autumn gold of the trees reflected over Central Park and the skyline of Manhattan peaked behind them. It was like a movie set. Your ceremony was just what we wanted; you incorporated both my father and Matthew's mother who are no longer with us with dignity and grace. The ceremony had humor and character and was the perfect length. You spoke about love with the wisdom and conviction only a man married for decades can do. We got some fantastic pictures afterwards to remind us for always. Thank you again for being the one person that made two people in love very happy on the autumn day the sun came out in New York City.

**Emma & Matthew 10/19/09**

**Dear Captain Arnold,**

We could not even wait until we came home from our honeymoon to write you this special thank you note. On our wedding night, we sit here well pleased. Words could not express the feelings that we felt during your very special ceremony. My family and friends will forever hold our wedding day with them. Every one who was present could not stop talking about our ceremony. However, the one comment that stands out the most in my mind came from the videographer, Mr. Allen. He said that he had been producing wedding videos for 22 years. He told us that our ceremony was by far the best that he had ever seen. Also, as we stood before you, Rose noticed her fifteen year old son crying. Even he was touched by your words. Our wedding ceremony touched our hearts in a way that we will forever hold dear to us. Thank you so very much for making our wedding day so very special. May God Bless you...With All of Our Love,

**Mr. and Mrs. Abdus-Samad**