**WEDDING VOWS**

**FOR**

**VAN NGUYEN**

Van, here we are, finally. I have waited a long time for this day. While some people may say, “Life is not a walk in the park,” for me, that was not the case, ever since that day, back in high school, when I first laid eyes on you…. Or did I **HEAR** you first?? Whichever it was, I was hooked…. and whether it was your beautiful looks or that wild and memorable laugh, that high school event in that park became a window to my future. I knew you were special back then and we became friends… somehow, I sensed I needed you in my life and building a strong friendship was and is a great foundation for whatever destiny provides.

Over the years, our bond just grew naturally… and today, we finally become one… one couple united in love, friendship, and the future. As I got to know you, our connection grew stronger, and our lives became even more intertwined. I watched you mature into a loving, compassionate, dedicated professional… all those characteristics are what makes you a great nurse… a wonderful friend… and an incredible wife. Your laughter… yes… **THAT** one (**Wait for the laugh**) is **contagious**… in the **best way** possible!!! Your cheerful, positive attitude is **infectious**… **ALSO** in the best way possible!!! And I know that while I may tend to be more on the serious side, you’ve taught me how to relax and loosen up… Another thing I love and admire about you is that you’re so smart… and I’m not even talking about your career and how beautifully you handle yourself… the **TRUE TEST** of your smartness… you chose **ME**!!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

Van, I could go on and on about the ways that you’ve enriched my life… you’re loving and kind… my friends and family adore you… especially my nieces and nephews… and they can be a tough crowd!! You’re a fun person to be around and your energy easily fills any room you’re in…. I am sure everyone here would agree with that… you’re a great travel companion… our trip to Vietnam in 2018 was unforgettable… we really got around!!! Hiking…climbing mountains… swimming through rivers and navigating through caves… wellll…. let’s be clear…. **I SWAM** through rivers and caves … you piggybacked on me through that part!!! You may be adorable… you may be a great nurse… but swimming???? Although you didn’t know how, it never stopped you… or us… from having the time of our lives!!!

Every day you inspire me to be a better person… your motivation, encouragement, and support makes me love you even more… in so many ways, you’re my not-so-secret weapon… you’re my **super power**…. my light at then end of every tunnel. To quote a famous movie line, “You make me want to be a better man…” and then you show me how to do it!! Thanks to your love, caring, and support, I was able to get a coveted promotion at work!!

Van, over the years, we’ve been on many tough hikes together. To me, those hikes are like metaphors for life… they start off pretty easy and then the challenges start showing up, but no matter how hard the climb, you’re always there, by my side, motivating me, encouraging me to take the next steps, pushing me to never give up… (**If you want to make a joke, you can say**) … and I **STILL** want to marry you!!! I’d always want to marry you!!! (**Wait for the laugh**)….

And here we are… husband and wife. If I have any regrets at all, and I really don’t, it’s that I wish we would have gotten together sooner. Van, I love you. I am so proud to be your husband, and I am thrilled to call you my wife.