



SMOKY MOUNTAIN NOTARY

Congratulations on Your Marriage!

Thank you for choosing Smoky Mountain Notary to officiate your marriage. We are honored to be part of your special day and wish you all the best in your journey together.

You've taken an exciting step forward, and now there are just a few tasks to complete to make everything official. Follow these steps to make your transition as smooth as possible:

Returning Your Marriage License and Certificate of Marriage

- 1. Where to Return It:**
 - The marriage license and certificate of marriage must be returned to the **County Clerk's Office** in the County the license was originally issued. Ex: if it was issued in Knox County it must be returned to a County Clerk's office in Knox County.
- 2. When to Return It:**
 - By law, this must be done **within three (3) business days** after the ceremony.
- 3. What Happens Next:**
 - Once the County Clerk's office records your marriage, they will provide you with your **official and frameable marriage certificate**. This is a beautiful keepsake and proof of your union.

Changing Your Name (If Applicable)

If you've decided to change your name, follow these steps:

- 1. Obtain Certified Copies:**
 - Request **certified copies** of your marriage certificate from the County Clerk's Office. These are necessary for official name changes. You may want to get several copies for use with various agencies. You can get the certified copies when you turn in your marriage license - just ask the clerk. There is usually a fee of around \$5 per copy.
- 2. Update Your Social Security Card:**
 - Visit the **Social Security Administration (SSA)** in person or online to update your name. You will need:
 - A certified copy of your marriage certificate.
 - Your current Social Security card.
 - A valid government-issued photo ID (e.g., driver's license or passport).
 - Fill out Form SS-5 (Application for a Social Security Card), available at your local SSA office or online.
- 3. Update Your Driver's License:**

- After updating your Social Security card, visit your local **Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)** to update your name on your driver's license. Bring:
 - Your updated Social Security card.
 - Certified copy of your marriage certificate.
 - Your current driver's license or state-issued ID.
- 4. **Update Other Records:**
 - Notify other entities of your name change, including:
 - Banks and financial institutions.
 - Insurance providers.
 - Employers and payroll departments.
 - Utility companies.
 - Passport office (if applicable).
 - Any memberships, subscriptions, or professional organizations.

Tips

- Keep your certified marriage certificate safe and secure. It's a vital document for future needs.
- Make a checklist of all institutions where your name needs to be updated and work through them systematically.
- Some organizations may allow you to update your name online, while others may require a visit in person.

Questions?

If you have any questions or need further guidance, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Wishing you both a lifetime of love, happiness, and adventure!

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