

## The Pebble Toss Ritual

### An Ancient Celtic Wedding Tradition

As *Name* comes around to you carrying a tray with stones (can be changed to shells or other 'water' related objects) on it, I'd invite you to take a stone as I explain this ancient Celtic Tradition that *Hunny* and *Funny* have chosen to incorporate into their ceremony.

The pebble toss is one of the wedding traditions that had its beginnings in Celtic wedding ceremonies, yet the origin and deeper meaning behind this ritual is not well known.

In this wedding ritual, intentions, well wishes, prayers and happy hopes for the couple are energetically placed into a stone.

The tradition behind this ritual is that natural objects, such as a stone, can actually anchor a thought. This ritual, like the oathing stone, is tied with the notion of the sacredness of a natural place, usually a body of water.

Having a stone with prayers infused into it also joins *Hunny* and *Funny* to the wisdom of the Ancestors tied to a particular place.

After the ceremony, this stone is tossed into a nearby body of water such as a river, stream, lake, well or the ocean. It's important that water is involved; water, being the element that represents emotions and, also Spirit.

In this context, it is about wishing the happy couple good fortune and prosperity. The offering of the stones to a body of water would please the ancestral spirits of this place who would then also add their blessing to the couple.

#### **Alternate Insert (can be modified):**

*Hunny* and *Funny* have already chosen their stones. One each, representing their intention for their marriage and another for *Hunny's Mom*, *Name* and another for *Funny's Dad*, *Name*. These two 'extra' stones represent the gratitude that *Hunny* and *Funny* feel to their parents who cannot physically be here today, but whom we believe are here in spirit.

*Hunny* and *Funny* will toss their stones into the **Body of Water**. Once they have you all, having also infused your stones with best wishes or intentions will cast your stone into the **Body of Water** adding you blessings to those of the *Hunny* and *Funny*.