

Gene Simmons Marries Longtime Girlfriend Shannon Tweed

After 28 years together, KISS bassist, Gene Simmons, married his girlfriend Shannon Tweed at the Beverly Hills Hotel on Saturday, [People](#) reports. The couple exchanged vows that they wrote themselves in front of 400 guests, which included Hugh Hefner and Bill Maher. Their wedding will appear in the reality show *Gene Simmons Family Jewels* on Oct. 18.

What are the advantages of writing your own vows for your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Writing your own vows can be overwhelming, but there are advantages to it. Here are several reasons why you should write them:

- 1. Express your feelings:** It will give you an opportunity to put a voice to your heart and make promises to your spouse.
- 2. Originality:** When writing your own instead of reciting traditional wedding vows, your friends and family will get a feel for how much you love your partner.
- 3. Behavior changes:** Traditional wedding vows have been heard so many times that the meaning behind them isn't quite there. By reciting original vows, your behavior will convey how much you want to marry your significant other.

Did you or will you write your own wedding vows? Let us know in a comment below.

Gene Simmons: I Proposed Months Ago



After sharing 28 years in a relationship together and two children with girlfriend Shannon Tweed, Gene Simmons finally mustered up the courage to get down on one knee. In Tuesday night's finale of A&E's reality show [Gene Simmons Family Jewels](#), Simmons told Tweed, "You're the only friend I've got. You're the only one I love ... and you're the only one I ever will love" before proposing. An insider recently revealed to [People](#) that the proposal scene was shot "several months ago" and that the couple's relationship has been on the rocks ever since. The couple once described themselves as "happily unmarried" and we're waiting to find out if there will be an "I do" to seal the deal.

What are the advantages of tying the knot over simply living together?

Cupid's Pulse:

Marriage is a big responsibility. As a result, the rate of cohabitation among couples has increased drastically in the last few decades. Sometimes, however, there are perks to tying the knot. Cupid has a few:

1. Commitment: Marriage is a profession of two people's commitment to one another. You and your partner will both feel more secure about the future of the relationship if you've made the commitment to spend the rest of your lives together. Marriage increases people's trust in each other.

2. Quality: It's not just about your thoughts about what the future might bring. It's also about the current state of the your relationship. Husbands and wives report greater satisfaction and fairness in their relationships.

3. Together: Couples who simply live together have a higher chance of splitting than those who are married. There are no definitive explanations for this difference, but we just know that it's one more reason why it may be better to take a walk down the aisle!

What are other benefits experienced by married couples? Share your thoughts below.