

*there is always a reason to celebrate*

Interview family and friends for funny or poignant moments they've shared with the honoree. Use this information to write an engaging narrative that's part of the ceremony, presented by someone who's comfortable speaking in public.

#### Involve your guests

If you involve your guests, they'll go from being spectators to being participants. In addition to the ideas already mentioned (ceremonial table, sharing stories), have a guest who's a musician or poet play or read the honoree's favorite piece. Ask everyone to respond collectively to a statement of community support with a hearty, "We will!" For a small group, circling around the honoree as the ceremony is taking place gives symbolic support without words.

#### Hire a Celebrant

If all this sounds like too much to do alone, hire a Celebrant to officiate and co-create the ceremonial part of your celebration. If you'd like to learn more about what Dr. Cheri can do for you, visit her Web site at [www.cherierdman.com](http://www.cherierdman.com) or call 386-847-2335



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