

How to Write an Obituary

1. Include as much biographical information as you have available and feel comfortable sharing. Some items you may wish to include:

- Full name of the deceased (including maiden name, nickname, or any other name by which your loved one might be identified);
- Dates and locations of birth, marriage, and death;
- Cause of death;
- Predeceased and surviving loved ones' names;
- Schools attended;
- Military service;
- Place of employment and position held;
- Membership in organizations (i.e. civic, fraternal, church, etc);
- Hobbies or special interests

2. Consider listing one or more charities to which you'd like donations made. If you do, be sure to include the address or url for the charity to make it easier for people to make donations.

3. If services are public, include full funeral service information: location, day, and time of visitation, memorial or funeral service, and burial. If services are private, indicate so (for example, "Burial will be private" or "Private services will be held").

4. If the family prefers monetary contributions rather than flowers, include a phrase such as: "In lieu of flowers, please consider the needs of the family," or "contributions suggested to the family," or "the family is requesting financial assistance for the services."

5. Plan to publish the obituary at least 1-2 days prior to the services so that friends and family can make arrangements to attend.

6. A photo of the deceased is always welcome

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For more information on how to write an obituary, including your own, visit:
<http://connect.legacy.com/inspire/how-to-write-an-obituary-or>