

Planning the Funeral Service:

Creating a special tribute to your loved one

One of our most important obligations to each family we serve is to help them plan a meaningful funeral service that both comforts them and pays tribute to the unique life of their loved one. To assist you in planning your loved one's service, we present some special remembrance ideas below.

- Displaying pictures of your loved one is a wonderful way to remember him/her. You may prefer a large collage of family snapshots or only a few favorite photos.
- Think about the activities that your loved one especially enjoyed. You might display symbols of your loved one's favorite pastimes: a baseball cap for a Little League coach, a special book for an avid reader, a box of favorite recipes for a dedicated cook. Did your loved one like to follow the stock market? Include a copy of *The Wall Street Journal*. Did your loved one enjoy fishing? Display his/her favorite rod and lure. Was your loved one a fan of a particular film actor? Include some of that actor's film DVDs. Any item that was special to your loved one can help make a meaningful memorial display.
- If music was an important part of your loved one's life, you might want to play some of his/her favorite music for the service. Don't worry that the music might not seem "dignified" enough for a funeral service or that others might think the songs inappropriate. You know what is best for your loved one's service.
- Discuss with the person who will be conducting the service—a minister or other service leader—the many things that made your loved one special. Tell him/her different stories about your loved one that you would like to share with others and encourage other family members to write down favorite memories that the service leader might use. If your loved one had a favorite poem or other short written work, you might consult with the service leader about incorporating it into the service.
- Many families choose to have printed memorial folders at the service. We can prepare these folders at the funeral home and can almost always accommodate the printing of special prayers or other short pieces of your choice. Consult with your funeral director or memorial coordinator about the types of memorial folders you might select.

Talk to us about your ideas for the service. We are honored to assist you in creating the kind of memorial to your loved one that gives you the most satisfaction.



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