

-Obituary General Guidelines-

The following is a general guideline for writing an obituary to create a memorable tribute for your loved one. Since you know him or her the best, you can refer to this guideline and determine what applies. Ideally, the obituary you create will accurately reflect on your loved ones statistical and geographical information and will paint a picture of who he or she was.

Your funeral director will be happy to provide additional guidance and/or review your work.

Header: Name; Date of birth; and Date of death

Relevant statistical information: Birthplace; Parent's names; Educational accomplishments; Military service; Marriage(s); Children; Geographical locations of residence

Career information: Work history, affiliations and accomplishments

Other affiliations, accomplishments, interests: Religious memberships and organizations; Civic, fraternal and/or club memberships (with any positions or offices held); Hobbies; Other interests

Survivors (generally in this order): Spouse; Children; Grandchildren; Parents; Grandparents; Siblings; Nephews; Nieces; Cousins; Friends, as appropriate. List family that preceded him/her in death such as Spouse; Parents; Children; Grandchildren; Great-grandchildren; Brothers; and Sisters.

Service details: Day, date, time and place of service(s); name of officiant and their title; Place of burial, entombment, or location of scattering cremated remains if appropriate.

Memorial contributions/donations (in lieu of flowers): Name any organization(s) for memorial contributions. Their mailing and/or website address can be helpful.

Arrangements by: List your funeral service provider's business name for reference.