

How to Write an Obituary

The best way to write an obituary is to start from the heart. This is a time to tell your loved one's story, and to help everyone reflect on the life lived.

Start with the most important things; what makes your loved one special to you and your family? What are their hobbies and interests? What will you remember them for?

Once you have told their story, it is important to mention those who have preceded them in death. This is typically kept to immediate family members and spouses. This is done to help the contemporaries of your loved one recognize exactly who this is. Now you will move on to listing the surviving family members. It is best to keep it to immediate family, the more names you mention the greater the chance of leaving someone off. Your Funeral Director will take care of formatting the obituary for publication and the memorial program that will be given out at the service.

Your Funeral Director will add the service details to the obituary and will make sure that it is placed in the publication of your choice. There are fees required to publish obituaries in news papers, your Funeral Director will inform you of the cost.

Warning! There are thieves looking at obituaries. To avoid things such as identity theft, do not provide their exact date of birth and their mother's maiden name in the obituary. Also, never put your personal address in the obituary. Your Funeral Director can provide more tips to help keep you and your family safe.



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