

Preparing for your own celebration service

Upon death, most families have some kind of memorial service, or “funeral” for their loved one. During the hectic days of preparing for a funeral, it is a tremendous help for all involved if they have some information from the deceased loved one about their desires for that service. Use this form to help communicate those wishes. You may be as general and vague as you like, or you can plan the service to a very detailed extent. This particular worksheet is designed with a believing Christian in mind.

Biographical information

Your full name:

Date of your birth:

Dates and lengths of any marriages:

Children:

Grandchildren:

Your education and any details you might want to include:

Your profession and any details you might want to include:

Your hobbies and interests:

Your relationship with God (If it’s true for you, when did you accept Jesus as your Savior? Were you baptized? If so, when and where? Were there any other significant spiritual decisions you made? Is there a message of faith you wish to communicate through your celebration service? Do you have a favorite Bible verse or passage?)

Some of your favorite life stories. (How did you meet your spouse? Did you ever connect with your “15 minutes of fame?” What was the most frightening moment of your life? What were some of the humorous incidents about? Use as much space as you like – there are never “too many” stories!)

The service

Scripture passages you’d like to be used at your service:

Songs you’d like to be heard at your service (if you have a particular singer or musician in mind, be sure to list that here, too):

Speaker or speakers you’d like your family to use in your service.

If you have any requests for a particular, symbolic memorial, list them here. To give some examples, one person might want to be buried with a particular Bible, or small items from his or her life. Another person might request a particular action from specific family members, as in the distribution of ashes).

Other details

Each celebration service is unique. If you have a special request that's not been covered, be sure to list it here.