
FULL NAME

DATE

After death, what do you think or believe happens? What do you hope happens? Do you have any other thoughts or beliefs that are central to your understanding and experience of life?

MEMORIAL SERVICE ELEMENTS

Check the option(s) you would like and/or write in your preference(s).

Chalice Lighting

___ None

___ Standard Fellowship chalice lighting

Leader: We light this flame as a symbol of new life enlightening our way, as a symbol of the warmth in every human heart.

Congregation: Let the lighting of this flame rekindle in us the inner light of hope, of peace, of love. May we share that light with all people.

Other ideas/thoughts:

Hymn(s)

___ None

___ #354 *We Laugh, We Cry*

___ #128 *For All That Is Our Life*

___ #123 *Spirit of Life*

Other ideas/thoughts:

Special Music

___ None

___ Song(s) or piece(s): _____

If live, performed by: _____

Other ideas/thoughts:

Reading(s)

___ None

___ Original piece(s) by you, reading(s) from hymnal, poetry, journal excerpt(s), scripture, etc.:

Other ideas/thoughts:

Spoken Prayer

___ None

___ Offered by minister

___ Offered by: _____

Other ideas/thoughts:

Silent Prayer and Meditation (with our Fellowship Buddhist gong)

___ None

___ Yes

Other ideas/thoughts:

Reflection(s) (One to three people who know you deeply offer some prepared words about you, your life, and its legacy.)

___ None

___ Offered by minister

___ Offered by: _____

Other ideas/thoughts:

Remembering You (Everyone present is invited to participate in a time of open sharing by contributing their own brief memories and stories.)

___ None

___ Yes

Other ideas/thoughts:

Responsive Reading(s)

___ None

___ #720 *We Remember Them*

Other ideas/thoughts:

Chalice Extinguishing

___ None

___ Standard Fellowship chalice extinguishing

All: As we extinguish this flame, let us go our ways with hope in our hearts; with our spirits renewed; and with a deeper understanding of life’s mystery. Let us carry the light of compassion and commitment to build a better world.

Other ideas/thoughts:

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Please share additional information below.

Who would you like to be the principle officiant(s)? List names(s), including your preference of Fellowship minister(s). If you’d like to include clergy/leaders from other faith traditions, please share their contact information and describe your connection:

Who will likely be responsible for planning your service? List name(s) and contact information:

Do you have a picture you'd like to be printed in the order of service? If so, where is it and/or who has access to it?

If you choose this element, a meaningful quote or inspirational saying you'd like printed in the order of service would be:

Describe your preferences about service location and hospitality such as food and/or drink:

Describe your preferences about aesthetics, including flower preferences:

Describe any personal items you'd like on display at the service:

Would you like a viewing of your body at your service? Where will you be buried? Will you be cremated? Should your remains be on display? Describe preferences:

Have you written your obituary? If so, where can it be found? And/or, describe preferences about your obituary, including the inclusion of the following information about your life:

If you wish for memorial gifts to be directed somewhere, please specify:

If you DO NOT want a person or people involved in the planning of your service and/or invited to attend, list them and why:

Other misc. ideas/thoughts/details/concerns:

Please consider sharing this document, and any additional information you may choose to attach, with close friends, family members, and/or anyone else who keeps or coordinates your important information. Describe those who have a copy of this document and your relationship to them:

When a Fellowship community member dies, the minister(s) will make every reasonable effort to locate this form, share it with loved ones as appropriate, and honor the spirit of the wishes it expresses. They will be best able to do so if you keep this information up to date. You don't have to resubmit it each time you discover a new favorite song but it's a good idea to review it every once in a while as contact information for your nearest and dearest might change. Please keep in mind that **this is not a legally binding document**. Loved ones sometimes need to interpret and adapt even the best laid plans for a variety of logistical, emotional, and financial reasons. This form is not a substitute for seeking legal counsel about the variety of complex issues related to death, dying, custody of dependents, health care, estate planning, and other matters!

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