

Informal Gathering (Celebration of Life)

This is a service that is in a location other than a church, synagogue or funeral home.

It can be outside in a favorite place. (by the water, in a park area, in the backyard of a home). Anywhere that might be meaning full to the person

It can be in a place that you rent for a couple of hours and offer food.

It is nice to have a space that won't be interrupt by people passing by.

All these may require a bit more planning and phone calls, but this can make it more personalized.

An Outline for a Service

Welcome

Music (a favorite song) - if possible have pictures of their life streaming on a screen)

Poem (see resources for examples)

or I have used CHATGPT to create a writing that reflects the person's life.

Once you go to an AI app/site, tell AI to write you a poem about your person's life.

Give it as much descriptive information as you like.

For Example: Mary was a loving mother who loved to cook and garden. She had a gift for welcoming all people.

The APP will give you a poem. It will ask you if you want to have it make changes. Just tell it what that might be.

Once you have a final product you are free to edit.

Eulogy or reflections on the person's life by one or more people.
(suggest each person keep their thoughts to 3 minutes)

A time of gratitude

This is a time to give thanks for the person's life and whatever seems appropriate.

Close with what I call words of commendation (examples [Here](#))

Optional - You could end with an activity that honors something the person loved doing. Examples: tip your hat, plant a flower for each person to take home, swing a golf club, anything that might be a tribute to the person.