Memorial Sample Service - non religious

MUSIC before service played quietly possibly favorites of your loved one

WELCOME AND GATHERING WORDS

Poem/favorite reading, welcoming words

OPENING SENTENCES

We gather together this day to give thanks for the life of Mary Jo Smith. Mary was born in (Place of birth) (on birthdate) to (parents names). She was a daughter,

a sister, a wife, a mother, grandmother and a friend to all. (can list other important connections)

MUSIC - favorite song (if screen is available to run video of family photos this is a nice time to play)

EULOGY

MUSIC

**SHARING OF STORIES - FAMILY AND FRIENDS

TIME OF GRATITUDE, THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE We are thankful for the gift of Mary Jo's life. For the love she shared with her family and friends......

She will be remembered for many things: her joy of life, her devotion to her family and friends, her green thumb, her cherry pie.....

For all that made Mary Jo unique and special we are thankful this day.

COMMENDATION

We commend Mary Jo to that which beyond this earthly place. We commend her to an eternal life of rest and peace.

May she rest well knowing that our love goes with her.

MUSIC favorite hymn or song

BENEDICTION/CLOSING WORDS See Resources

GREET FAMILY/ MUSIC PLAYING IN THE BACKGROUND

**If there are a lot of people who would like to speak it is nice to spread the speaking parts throughout the service