

Religious Sample Service #1

Memorial Service – Mary Jo Smith

Where - Funeral Home

Birthdate – Death date

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MUSIC before service played quietly possibly favorites of your loved one

WELCOME AND GATHERING WORDS

Words of Welcome

Poem, reading or words of scripture can be included

See resources for suggestions

OPENING SENTENCES

We gather together this day to give thanks (to God) for the life of Mary 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 hymn/ favorite song (if screen is available to run video of family photos this is a nice time to play)

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, your love for us is everlasting; you alone can turn the shadow of death into the brightness of the morning light. Help us to turn to you with reverent and believing hearts. In the stillness of this hour, speak to us of eternal things, so that, hearing the promises in Scripture, we may have hope and be lifted above our darkness and distress into the light and peace of your presence through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING Favorite scripture - See suggestions under service resources

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (If so desired)

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EULOGY

MUSIC

****SHARING OF STORIES (FAMILY AND FRIENDS).**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING (See resources for examples)

COMMENDATION. See resources for more example)

Into your hands, O God, we commend Mary. Receive her into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace and into the glorious company of the saints in the light. Amen

MUSIC

BENEDICTION/CLOSING WORDS

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**