Spiritual Sample Service

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MUSIC Before service played quietly possibly favorites of your loved one

WELCOME AND GATHERING WORDS

Poem/favorite reading, bible passage, welcoming words

OPENING SENTENCES

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

READING - Bible passage, or spiritual/faith poem

For example: Footprints in the Sand (anonymous)

<u>God's Garden</u> (anonymous)

When Great Trees Fall by Maya Angelou

EULOGY

MUSIC (If desired)

**SHARING OF STORIES - FAMILY AND FRIENDS

TIME OF GRATITUDE, THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE

We are thankful for the gift of Mary'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 unique and special we are thankful this day. We are also grateful for her faith in the one who created each of us.

May Mary find her eternal rest in the arms of God who brings comfort to all who mourn this day.

COMMENDATION

We commend Mary to that which lays beyond this earthly place, to God's heavenly realm. May she feel the welcome of God's unconditional love and grace and may she find rest and peace in eternal life, knowing that our love goes with her.

MUSIC favorite hymn or song

CLOSING WORDS

Maybe a closing reading/poem or words of thanks and gratitude for people coming.

GREET FAMILY & FRIENDS/ 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