

WRITING AN OBITUARY

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- NAME/ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Full name of the deceased, including nickname
2. Age at death
3. Residence (for example, city) at death
4. Date and place of death
5. Cause of death (if desired)
6. Date and Place of birth
7. Names of parents (mother's maiden name)

Example: "J.T" Thomas Doe, of San Angelo, passed away of January 1, 2000 at the age of 70. He was born on January 1, 1930 in Dallas, TX, to parents James and Janice (Harris) Doe.

- LIFE

1. Childhood: siblings, stories, schools, friends
2. Marriage(s): date of, place, name of spouse
3. Education: school, college, university and other
4. Designations, awards and other recognition
5. Employment: jobs, activities, colleagues, satisfactions, promotions, union activities, frustrations
6. Military Service
7. Place of residence
8. Hobbies, sports, interests, activities and other enjoyment
9. Charitable, religious, fraternal, political and other affiliations; positions held
10. Achievements
11. Unusual attributes, humor, other stories

- Family

1. Survived by (and place of residence)
 - a. Spouse
 - b. Children (in order of date of birth, and their spouses)
 - c. Grandchildren
 - d. Great-grandchildren
 - e. Great-great-grandchildren
 - f. Parents
 - g. Grandparents
 - h. Siblings (in order of birth)
 - i. Others, such as nephews, nieces, cousins, in-laws
 - j. Friends
 - k. Pets (if appropriate)
2. Predeceased by (and possibly date of death)
 - a. Spouse
 - b. Children (in order of date of birth)
 - c. Grandchildren
 - d. Siblings (in order of date of birth)
 - e. Others, such as nephews, nieces, cousins, in-laws
 - f. Pets (if appropriate)

- SERVICE INFORMATION

1. Day, date, time, place (Visitation, Rosary, Memorial, Funeral, Reception, etc.)
2. Place of interment
3. Name of officiant, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers
4. Name of funeral home in charge of arrangements (even if no service planned)

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1. Memorial funds established or Memorial donation suggestions, including addresses
2. Thank you to people, groups, or institutions
3. Quotation or poem