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Death Notice & Funeral Notices Examples

SURNAME
First Name

- Sign Off

Death Notice
5x1


Funeral Notice
5x1

SURNAME

The Funeral Service for the late Mr. Firstname Surname will be held at Example Church, 123 Example Road, Suburb on THURSDAY (Jan. 01, 2000) commencing at 10.30 a.m.

At the conclusion of the Service the Cortege will proceed to Example Cemetery, Example Road, Suburb for Burial.

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SURNAME
First Name

- Sign Off

Death Notice
6x1


Funeral Notice
5x1

SURNAME

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SURNAME
First Name

- Sign Off

Death Notice
6x2

Funeral Notice
5x1

SURNAME

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SURNAME. — First Name

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Death Notice
16 Lines

Funeral Notice
18 Lines

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Mother or Father

To my loving mother

For those moments when we have been so close
For those times I've needed you the most,
For all the loving things you have done
For being a truly perfect mum.
For all those things, and millions more,
This seems to me a daily chore,
I give my thanks and all my love
In the thought that when I look above
The brightest star in all the sky
Is that same sparkle once in your eye
I'll never stop loving and never forget
The greatest mum I've ever met....

Anon.

Our china doll that closed her eyes
And found eternal peace.
When the angels called for her
She had to go alone,
To make for us her family
Another happy home
She will be waiting by the Pearly Gates
As they open wide
With open arms and joyous heart
To welcome us inside

Anon.

I will miss so much a lady
Who lies peaceful now and still
She showed us how to fight in life
She showed us she had a will
She showed us courage and compassion
I won't forget her lovely face
She did so much for all of us
She is impossible to replace
She truly was the family key
It's hard to see another
She was the force behind us all
Above all she was our mother

Anon.

Mother

Oh ever blest is that dear word mother
So precious unto me;
Whose smiling help enduring love
Peaceful comfort will never be,
Cheerful loving through months and years
Mother who never regrets her care
Her joy to aid, to ease the trails

That came my way and seek to bear
my mother

Anon.

To my loving father

For those moments when we have been so close
For the times I've needed you the most
For all those loving things you have done
For being a truly perfect dad
For all those things and a million more
Which seem to me a daily chore,
I give my thanks and all my love
In the thought that when I look above
The brightest star in all the sky
Is that same sparkle once in your eye
I'll never stop loving and never forget
The greatest dad I've ever met....

Adapted by Joan Barkley

You were the one who was always there
You were the one that always cared
We will be with you again one day
So many things we still need to say
Emotions were hard for you to express
But of your life you did your best
Worries you kept to yourself
Never wanting to bother anyone else

Anon.

Father

The flower of love and devotion
Has guided me through life
Softening my grief and sorrow
Sharing my toll and strife.

This flower has helped me to conquer
Temptation so black and grim
And led me to victory and honour
Over my enemy Sin.

I have vainly sought in my garden
Through blossoms of love and light
For a flower of equal wonder,
To compare with one so bright.

But ever I've met with failure
My search has been in vain,
For never a flower existed,
Like the blossom I can claim.



Mother or Father

For after years I can now see,
Amid life's roses and rue,
God's greatest gift to a little child,
My darling mother, was you.

Remembering With Love
By Helen Steiner Rice
Courtesy of Random Century LTD

Dad, you lift up our lives
By being you,
Your strength and guidance
We looked up to.
Dad, you were more than a father,
You were our best friend,
Always willing to listen
And help make amends.
Dad we never seemed to give you
The praises, that were due,
The worlds a better place
Because of a man like you.

Doreen Oldman.

Father,
Atrue and honest friend,
Through all the passing years,
Helpful,
Ever caring,
Remembered always, Father.

Doreen Oldman.

Mother
Our true and honest friend,
Through all the passing years,
Helpful,
Ever caring
Remembered always, mother.

Doreen Oldman.

You were the (man/lady)
Who gave us our lives,
You were always there to help us survive
If we were right you took our sides
If we were wrong you were
Still there by our sides
Then one day you told us you were sick
We never thought it was as serious as this
You were suffering (mum/dad)
Without much more than a complaint
You suffered in silence for your children's sake
But now your suffering is over
And our suffering has just begun

We love you more than you will ever know
It breaks all our hearts to see you go
We're glad though that at the end
We were all there to say 'farewell'
In our hearts we wish you were here
But now we know you're with our
Again
Give him/her a kiss and hug and our love
Rest in heaven above.

Adapted by Joan Barkley

Only your special love stays with us always
The kind of love that only a mother can give
Your love is our constant reassurance
That you are with us forever

Adapted by Joan Barkley

Thanks for the lifetime of memories,
For your love and kindness,
Help and encouragement.

Joan Barkley

I will miss so much a gentlemen,
Who lies peaceful now and still
He showed us how to fight in life
He showed he had a will.
He showed us courage and compassion
I won't forget his face,
He did so much for all of us,
He is impossible to replace.
He truly was the family key,
It's hard to see another,
He was the force behind us all,
Above all, he was our father.

Adapted by Joan Barkley

A mother's love

A mother's love is like an island
In life's ocean vast and wide,
A peaceful quiet, shelter
From the restless rising tide.

A mother's love is like a tower
Rising far above the crowd,
And her smile is like the sunshine
Breaking through a threatening cloud.

A mother's love is like a beacon
Burning bright with faith and prayer,
And through the changing scenes of life
We can find a haven there.



Mother or Father

For a mother's love is fashioned
After Gods enduring love,
It is endless and unfailing
Like the love of him above.

For God knew in His great wisdom
That He couldn't be everywhere,
So He put His little children
In a loving mother's care.

'Loving Promises'
Helen Steiner Rice
Courtesy of Random Century LTD

We know you walk beside us,
And when our lives are through,
We pray to God to take us
And lead us straight to you.

Anon.

I love you, Mother, you were always
Sharing and caring and patient,
Warm and loving always.

Joan Barkley

Mother, you mean so much,
You have done so much more,
Than anyone could ever do,
And you mean so much more to me
Than words can express.
No one could ever take your place.

Joan Barkley

To a beautiful mother who brought me here,
I moulded my life the way you taught me to.
For all that I am,
I owe to a mother like you.
Just as you came here before me,
And paved a way for me in this world,
You have now left to carve a place for me
In heaven- where one day I can be with you.
Until then, you will live inside of me
Wherever I go, because I am part of you.

Joan Barkley

Mother went away

Since Mother went away, it seems
She's nearer than before;
I cannot touch her hand and yet
She's with me more and more.
And the years have never lessened
The longing in my heart
That came from the day I realised
That we must dwell apart.
And just as long as memory lives
For Mother cannot die;
For in my heart she is living still,
As passing years go by.

"Remembering with Love"
Helen Steiner Rice
Courtesy of Random Century LTD

My own dear dad

He is always quick to understand,
He always lends a helping hand,
He shares my problems and my play,
And helps me many times a day.
He believes in me, when others doubt,
He's a loyal pal and a grand good scout,
All that I am or hope to be,
All that is 'good' that happens to me.

"Remembering with Love"
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Grandmother or Grandfather

We loved you, Nan, more than words can say,
A growing love from day to day.
From childhood to young adults,
You were always there to guide our faults.

A beautiful lady, so placid and rare,
To us you showed love and care.

God called you home, but we were there,
The moment He took you in His care.

Goodbye now, Nan, our darling nan,
Cherished memories,
Glowing like a shining star.

Our love is strong, our sadness deep,
Our hearts are with you,
As you peacefully sleep.

Your loving grandchildren.

Adapted by Joan Barkley

Grandfather, you are
A very special part
Of all the beautiful memories,
I have in my heart

Joan Barkley

We loved you, Pa, more than words can say,
A growing love from day to day.
From childhood to young adults,
You were always there to guide our faults.

A beautiful man, so placid and rare,
To us you showed love and care.

God called you home, but we were there,
The moment He took you in His care.

Goodbye now Pa, our darling pa,
Cherished memories,
Glowing like a shining star.

Our love is strong, our sadness deep,
Our hearts are with you,
As you peacefully sleep.

Your loving grandchildren.

Adapted by Joan Barkley

He potters no more in the garden,
He strolls no more down the path,
But the years we had together,
Will live forever in our hearts.

Anon.

You watched me grow from a child to a man,
And I watched you slowly fade,
But you held yourself so gracefully,
When Heaven called your name,
You always lived with God in you.
Now I live with you in me. And the tears
I cry can't wash away, your loving memory.
Fly, homeward angel.

Anon.

I have a memory in my heart,
That time can never touch,
Your loving care throughout the years,
When I was growing up,
You touched my life, shared my days,
We were so close in many ways,
On this day the tears ran,
As I sat and thought of my beloved gran.

Anon.

Grandmother, you were very special to me,
Your love and the happy memories
You have given me throughout
my life means so much.
You had knowledge of life
not found in books, but in your heart,
I will never forget you.

Joan Barkley

A wonderful grandfather, so loving and kind,
What beautiful memories you leave behind.
Sharing and caring and always content,
Loved and respected wherever you went.
A happy smile, a heart of gold,
You were the best this world could hold.
A special grandfather so kind and true,
What beautiful memories we have of you.

Anon.

I remember and cherish all our time together
and words cannot say the sadness I feel today.

Joan Barkley



Husband, Wife or Partner

For in my heart, I love you still,
With every thought there is a tear,
For a wife I lost and loved so dear.
You left a gap no one can fill,
I love you and always will.
Gone are the days we used to share,
But the ache in my heart is always there.
Father in heaven, hear my prayer,
Look after my wife with love and care.
Be a good Shepherd, don't leave her alone,
As this is her time away from home.

Anon.

My darling, friend and love,
Blossoms are scattered by the wind,
But blossoms, in my heart
No wind can touch.
Forget you darling, I never will,
For in my heart, you are with me still.

Anon.

May the winds of love blow softly
to that quiet, lovely place.
Wherever my true love is sleeping,
Who can never be replaced.

Anon.

In my eyes there lies no vision
But the sight of your dear face.
In my heart there is no feeling
But the warmth of your embrace.
In my mind there are no thoughts
But the thoughts of you, my dear.
In my soul no other longing
But just to have you near.
All my dreams are built around you
And I've come to know it's true,
In my life there is no living
That is not a part of you.

'Remembering With Love'

Helen Steiner Rice

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Treasured memories

When I think about the happiness.
That you and I shared.
And all the things you've said and done.
To show how much you cared.
Although we seldom mentioned it,
We both knew it was true.
We had the kind of happiness,
Life gave to very few.
A home that we both cherished,
A family we held dear,
And love for one another,
That grew deeper every year.

Anon.

To my wonderful husband

I can't believe that you're gone.
I will love you always and treasure
the years we had together.
As you watch over us in Heaven,
you will see that your son
will grow into a fine young man
that you will be proud of.
Rest in Peace my love. Till we meet again.

Adapted by Joan Barkley

If once again I could hold you,
just one moment make you mine.
It would be a special moment,
just like turning back the time.
If only you could comfort me,
When I cry softly in the night.
Dreaming of the words I love you,
Whispered every night.
One day my darling I will join you,
When my life on earth is through.
Until that day, my darling,
I will go on loving you.

Anon.



Husband, Wife or Partner

I knew one day I would lose you,
For good things do not last,
But not the way it happened,
You died and broke my heart.
I don't believe it when they say
time will take the hurt away.
A wonderful ' ' I love, that is true.
You didn't deserve what you went through.
My beautiful memories will never fade,
As you walk beside me every day.

Anon.

I do believe that God above,
Created you for me to love.
He picked you out from all the rest,
Because He knew I loved you the best.
I had a heart so warm and true.
But now it's gone from me to you.
Take care of it as I have done.
For now you have two,
As I have none.
I love you forever, my darling.

Anon.

There is a place in my heart that is yours alone,
A piece of my life no other can own.
The tears in my eyes I can wipe away,
But the memories of you will always stay...

Anon.



Daughter or Son

Because of you the bright stars shine,
My life is blessed because you were mine,
Because of you my heart could sing,
And even winter seemed like spring.
Because of you, I have dreams to share,
Because of you, life held much more,
Because of you made life worth living for.

Adapted by Joan Barkley

A tiny little moonbeam,
That danced inside our hearts.
A little life has been taken
Before it even starts.

Anon.

You were taken away,
So tragically that horrible day,
Our deepest thoughts are hard to say,
But we love you in a special way.
Always remembered and sadly missed too,
Our lives will be different without you.

Anon.

A tiny angel face, two sparkling eyes,
The cutest button nose,
Our precious sweet surprise.
Mummy loved you dearly,
You set Daddy's heart a whirl,
The joy of all our family,
Our most darling little girl.
You closed your eyes so quickly,
You didn't stay for long,
Taken oh so tragically,
Sweet baby, it seems so wrong,
Divided as we are,
We will never be apart,
As you will always live
Inside your parent's heart.

Anon.

My little ray of sunshine,
all I ever needed,
The soul of my life, the source of my laughter,
The cause of my tears,
Memories I'll treasure through
all my living years.

Anon.

A wee bit of Heaven

A wee bit of heaven
Drifted down from above,
A handful of happiness,
A heart full of love;

The mystery of life,
So sacred and sweet,
The Giver of joy,
So deep and complete.

Precious and priceless,
So lovable too,
The world's sweetest miracle,
Baby. . . . , is you.

'Remembering With Love'

Helen Steiner Rice

Courtesy of Random Century Ltd

A gift so beautiful.
A love so rare,
Our girl,
You'll always be.
The life we knew,
The love we shared,
Precious moments in time,
Much more than memories.
We'll always love you.

Anon.

God closed your eyes and took your hand,
And left us to try to understand.
Others are taken, this we know,
But you were ours and we loved you so.
You'll be in our thoughts every day,
In our hearts you will always stay.
A silent prayer and a tear too,
We will always love and miss you.

Anon.



Daughter or Son

I'll lend you for a little time,
A child of mine, God said,
For you to love while he lives,
And mourn for when he's gone.
It may be six or seven years,
Or twenty-two or three,
But will you, till I call for him,
Take care of him for me.
He'll bring his cheer to gladden you,
And should his stay be brief,
You'll have his loving memories
As solace for your grief.

Anon.

Dear Lord, thy will be done,
For all the joy thy child shall bring,
The risk of grief we'll run.
We'll shelter him with tenderness,
We'll love him while we may,
And for the happiness we've known,
Forever grateful stay.
But should the angels call for him,
Much sooner than we had planned,
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes,
And try to understand...

Anon.

God gave us a son because he found,
That we needed a boy around.
A son we loved more every day,
As you learned how to walk and play.
You were our pride and joy,
Dad's 'little man' and Mum's 'little boy'.
And even when you had grown,
You filled our life with joy and love.
We were so proud of our beautiful son,
Thank you for all the memories we have to share.
God, please look after our
With love and care.

Adapted by Joan Barkley



Sister or Brother

Brother

I remember you buddy,
You were such a pest!
But as we grew together,
You were the friend I loved the best.
Our childhood adventures,
The laughter and the pranks,
Always there for me,
Never expecting thanks.
Now a part of whatever I do,
I'll never forget a brother like you!

Doreen Oldman

To us you were someone special,
Someone loving, kind and true,
You will never be forgotten,
As we thought the world of you.
Always in our hearts.

Anon.

We swapped some toys when we were small,
We swapped a punch or two,
We swapped our chores and that's not all,
We often swapped our views.
But there's one thing I never would have
swapped,
I've got to tell you true,
There's nothing in the whole wide world,
That I would have swapped - for you.

Anon.

There's a gift in life you cannot buy,
It's very rare and true,
It's a special gift of friendship,
That a brother and sister once knew.
As children we grew together,
As adults we went separate ways
But it broke my heart the day you went away.

Anon.



Relative

My life enriched by knowing you,
My very special pal and cousin.
Infectious laugh and simple pleasures,
Such memories are now my treasures.
To have and hold in my heart forever,
The happy times we shared together.

Anon.

There is a stairway in our lives,
Which each of us must tread,
Each step becomes a memory,
To ease the years ahead,
The curving gracious banister,
Glowing burnished gold,
As each one of these memories,
Helps the picture to unfold,
A tribute to a lady,
As fine as she could be,
Who lingered with us for a while,
But now from pain is free,
God bless you
You have reached the highest stair,
And helped to pave our way.

Anon.

Aunty, my love for you all through these years,
My eyes are filled with running tears.
The time has come to say goodbye,
My love for you will never die.
You watched my children grow up,
They loved you very very much.
They always ask to see you so,
And say I love my Aunty ,
Because you meant so much to me,
To say goodbye is hard to be.
To be reunited with my mum,
And tell her all the things I have done.
And when the pain has gone away.
My love for you will stay and stay.
The time has come for you to go,
To share the times with all you know.

Anon.

For those who have an uncle,
love him while you can.
Because I would give the world,
and more, to have mine back again.

Anon.

You teased us,
You laughed with us,
You hugged us,
Why have you gone from us!

Anon.

There is no night without a dawning,
No winter without a spring,
And beyond death's dark horizon,
Our hearts once more will sing.
For those who leave us for a while,
Have only gone away,
Out of a restless, care worn world
Into a "brighter day",
Where there will be no partings,
And time is not counted by years,
Where there are no trials or troubles,
No worries, no cares and no tears.

'Remembering With Love'

Helen Steiner Rice

Courtesy of Ransom Century Ltd

I know how you feel
When Christmas bells ring,
But here is a thought
To which you can cling.
This is the birthday
Of Jesus whose love
Assures you of meeting
Your loved ones above.
And this glorious story
Of our Saviour's birth
Is our promise of Heaven
After this earth.

'Remembering With Love'

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Friend

A special friend is one who cares,
Someone who is loving and willing to share,
All of life's little burdens – the joys and the tears,
Everything that happens down through the years.
To always be there when needed the most
And I thank the Lord that I can boast
'You were that friend'.

Doreen Oldman.

A laugh, a grin, a joke or two,
That's the way we'll remember you....

Anon.

The rays of light filtered
Through the sentinels
Of trees this morning.
I sat in the garden and contemplated
The serenity and beauty
Of my feelings and
Surroundings completely
Captivated me...
I thought of you.
I discovered you tucked
Away in the shadows of the trees.
Then rediscovered
You on the smiles of the
Flowers as the sun
Penetrated the petals....
In the rhythm of the leaves
Falling in the garden....
In the freedom of the
Birds as they fly searching
As you do.
I'm very happy to have found you.
Now you will never leave me,
For I will always find you in
The beauty of life.

Anon.

I dedicate these lines to you,
For all you've said and done.
When my skies were dull and grey,
You helped me find the sun.
You've always found the time for me
And had an ear to lend.
And so these words are just to say,
I'm proud you were my friend.

Anon.

Life is a garden

Life is a garden,
Good friends are the flowers,
And times spent together,
Life's happiest hours.
And friendship, like flowers,
Blooms ever more fair,
When carefully tended
By dear friends who care.
And life's lovely garden
Would be sweeter by far
If all who passed through it
Were as nice as you are.

'Remembering With Love'

Helen Steiner Rice

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New friends are like autumn leaves,
found everywhere,
Old friends are like diamonds
precious and rare.

Anon.

It seems that certain folk we meet
Are thought of for a while,
And others are remembered
For a special deed or smile.
But those who stay within our hearts
are very, very few,
And that is just the kind of friend
I've always found in you.

Courtesy of Valentine Sands Greeting cards

. , my best friend,
you suffered so much so silently.
Always bright and smiling,
what I would give to say
I'm going around to 's today.

Anon.



Messages of Comfort

Now your home is far away,
A place we cannot take you,
The place you journey on your own
Where friends of old await you.

We can't go there together
But you'll take our love along,
We'll softly say our last goodbyes,
Your memory keeps us strong.

Go with our love,
But now we slip into the past,
The times we'll always treasure,
The world belonged to you and us.

To love you was our pleasure,
In time we'll understand,
Go with all our blessings
Into caring hands.

Anon.

There is a sunshine for each sunset,
And for each night of sorrow,
There is an ending as the new day dawns,
On the horizon called tomorrow,
Don't cry because she has gone,
But smile because she was here.

Anon.

This world is not conclusion;
A sequel stands beyond.
Invisible, as music,
But positive, as sound.

Emily Dickinson

Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there, I did not die.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the glint upon the snow.
I am the gentle autumn rain,
I am the sun that will shine again.

Anon.

To everything there is a season,
And a time to every purpose under the heavens:
A time to be born and a time to die,
A time to weep and a time to laugh,
A time to mourn and a time to dance,
A time to get and a time to lose,
A time to keep and a time to give away.

Ecclesiastes 3

When we live a short while on earth below,
Reluctant to die for we do not know,
Just what dark death is all about
And so we view it with fear and doubt.
Not certain of what is around the bend,
We look on death as the final end,
To all that made us mortal beings
And yet there lies, just behind our seeing.
A beautiful life so full and complete
That we should leave with hurrying feet,
To walk with God by scared streams
Amid beauty and peace beyond our dreams.
For all who believe in the Risen Lord,
Have been assured of this reward,
And death for them is just graduation
To a higher realm is wide elevation.
For life on earth is a transient affair,
Just a few brief years in which to prepare,
For a life that is free from pain and tears
Where time is not counted by hours or years.
For death is only the method God chose,
To colonise Heaven with the souls of those,
Who by their apprenticeship on earth
Proved worthy to dwell in the land of new birth.
So death is not sad, it's a time for elation.
A joyous transition, the soul's safe and free
To live with God through eternity!

*'Loving Promises' Helen Steiner Rice
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When I must leave you
For a little while,
Please do not grieve
And shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow
To you through the years.
But start out bravely
With a gallant smile,
And for my sake,
And in my name,
Live on and do
All things the same.
Feed not your loneliness
On empty days,
But fill each walking hour
In useful ways.
Reach out your hand
In comfort and in cheer,
And I in turn will comfort you
And hold you near.
And never, never
Be afraid to die,
For I am waiting
For you in the sky!

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Messages of Comfort

Someday the silver cord will break,
And I no more shall sing,
But oh, the joy when I shall awake,
Within the palace of the King.

And I shall see him face to face,
And tell the story – saved by the grace.

Someday my earthly house will fail,
I cannot tell how soon `twill be,
But this I know – my all in all.
Has now a place in Heaven for me.

Fanny Crosby

Death is just a natural thing,
Like the closing of a door,
As we start upon a journey
To a new and distant shore.
So let your grief be softened,
And yield not to despair,
You have only placed your loved one
In the loving Father's care.

'Remembering With Love'

Helen Steiner Rice

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We cannot understand the reasons,
Why we call and you're not there,
Why life is like the seasons,
And sometimes too hard to bear.

The springtime blooms the new life,
When we are born to the world anew,
While summer brings the learning,
Before the falling of the dew.

To the gathering of wisdom,
As autumn leaves fall upon the land,
Our mission is accomplished,
And our Lord holds out his hand.

In the stillness of winter,
We find peace and tranquillity,
After life's long journey,
We are born to eternity.

Joan Barkley

He's only gone on

At last his gallant soul 'took flight'
Into the 'land where there is no night'.
But his name is carved in our hearts to stay
As we think of the things that he used to say.
So he is not dead, he's only 'gone on'
Into a 'brighter more wonderful dawn',
For men like him were not born to die
But, like the sun that shines in the sky,
They warm the 'earth' and the 'hearts of men',
And in happy remembrance they live again.
So while he sleeps and his voice is still,
His spirit goes on and it always will.

'Remembering With Love'

Helen Steiner Rice

Courtesy of Random Century Ltd

Do not stand and weep,
She is not there, she does not sleep,
She is a thousand winds that blow,
She is a diamond glint of snow,
She is the sunlight on ripened grain,
She is the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning hush,
She is the swift uplifting rush,
Of quiet birds in the circling flight,
She is the soft stars that shine at night.

Anon.

If you should forget me for a while,
And afterwards remember, do not grieve,
For if the darkness and the shadows leave
A vestige of the thoughts that I once had,
Better by far you should forget and smile,
Than that you should remember and be sad.

Christina Rossetti



Messages of Comfort

Faith

When the way seems long
And the day is dark,
And we can't hear the song
Of the thrush or the lark,
And our hearts are heavy
With worry and care
And we are lost
in the depths of despair.
That is the time
when faith alone
Can lead us out of
'the dark unknown'.
For faith to believe
when the way is rough,
And faith to hang on
when the going is tough,
Will never fail to pull us through
And bring us strength and comfort too.
For all we really ever need
Is 'faith as a grain of mustard seed'.
For all God asks is, 'Do you believe?';
For if you do 'ye shall receive!'

'Remembering With Love'

Helen Steiner Rice

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We feel so sad when those we love
Are touched by death's dark hand,
But it would ease our sorrow
If we could but understand,
That death is just a gateway
That all men must pass through,
And on the other side of death,
In a world that's bright and new,
Our loved ones wait to welcome us
To the land free from all tears,
Where joy becomes eternal
And time is not counted by years.

'Remembering With Love'

Helen Steiner Rice

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The home beyond

We are so sad
when those we love,
Are called to live
in that home above.
But why should we grieve
when they say goodbye
And go to dwell
in a 'cloudless sky'.
For they have but gone
to prepare the way
And we'll join them again
some happy day.

Helen Steiner Rice

In a harbour two ships sailed,
One setting forth on a voyage.
The other coming home to port.
Everyone cheered the ship going out.
But the ship sailing in was scarcely noticed.
To this the wise man replied.
Do not rejoice over the ship setting out to sea,
For you cannot know what
Terrible storm it may have to endure.
Rejoice over the ship that has safely reached
its port,
And brings its passengers home in peace.
And this is the way of the world,
When a child is born all rejoice,
When someone dies all weep,
We should do the opposite for no one can tell,
What trials and tribulations await the newborn
child,
For when a mortal dies in peace,
We should rejoice for he has completed a long
journey.

Anon.



General Verses

God gives, but does not take away,
He only safely keeps above,
For us, the treasured that we love...

Anon.

The gates of Heaven opened wide,
And a special young man walked inside.

Anon.

Jesus called a little child,
Not lost - but gone before...

Anon.

The tide recedes but leaves behind,
Bright seashells on the sand,
The sun goes down but gentle warmth,
Still lingers on the land,
The music stops and yet
it echoes on in sweet refrain,
For every joy that passes,
something beautiful remains...

Anon.

We thought that you were happy,
We must have all been blind,
We knew that you were suffering,
But we didn't know your mind,
You left our hearts all aching,
And we don't know how to cope,
If we had talked it over,
There might have been some hope...

Anon.

When death comes, he lets us know,
We love more deeply than we show,
For love in death has let me see,
What love in life should really be...

Anon.

You are very special and very dear to my heart,
The world is far richer,
'Because you were here'.

Adapted by Joan Barkley

They say it's a beautiful journey,
From the old world to the new,
Some day I'll take that journey,
Up the staircase that leads to you,
And when I reach that garden,
Where all are free from pain,
I'll put my arms around you,
And we'll never part again.

Anon.

A golden heart stopped beating,
Two hands were laid to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove,
He only takes the best.
If tears could build a stairway,
and memories build a lane,
We would walk right up to Heaven,
and bring you back again.

Anon.

God looked around His garden,
And found an empty space,
He then looked down upon the earth,
And found a tired face,
He put His arms around you,
And lifted you to rest,
The garden must be beautiful,
Because he only takes the best.

Anon.

To have to love and then to part,
Is the saddest story of the human heart...

Anon.

To hear your voice, to see your smile,
To sit and talk with you awhile,
To be together in the same old way,
Would be our only wish today,
We laugh, we cry, we play our part,
But behind it all lies a broken heart,
We hide our tears when we speak your name,
Without you life's not the same.

Anon.



General Verses

My heart aches with sadness,
My secret tears flow,
For what it means to lose you,
No one will ever know...

Anon.

Our thoughts are always with you,
Your place no one will fill,
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still.

Anon.

The things we feel so deeply,
are the hardest things to say,
But you will always be remembered,
in a very special way.

Anon.

The tide of life ebbs and flows,
But the gates of memory never close.

Anon.

For you were beautiful,
and we have loved you more
than any words can ever say.

Joan Barkley

I have only slipped away.
Whatever we were to each other, that we still are.
Call me by my old familiar name,
Speak to me in the easy way which you always
used.
Smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be the household word that it
always was.

Life means all that it ever did,
it is the same as it ever was.
I am waiting for you, somewhere very near,
just around the corner.
All is well, nothing is past, nothing is lost.
One brief moment and all will be as it was before,
Only better, infinitely happier,
And forever we will be one, together with Christ.

Anon.

Words are few, our feelings are deep,
Our memories of you we will always keep.

Anon.

In the rising of the sun,
And its going down - we will remember you...
In the bowing of the wind,
And in the chill of winter - we will remember you...
In the opening of the buds,
And in the rebirth of spring - we will remember
you...
In the blueness of the sky,
And in the warmth of summer - we will remember
you...
In the rustling of the leaves,
And in the beauty of autumn - we will remember
you...
In the beginning of the year,
And when it ends - we will remember you...
When we are weary,
And in need of strength - we will remember you...
When we are lost,
And sick at heart - we will remember you...
When we have joys,
We yearn to share - we will remember you...
As long as we live,
You too will live,
For you are a part of us - we will remember you...

Anon.

The mountains and hills may crumble,
But the love I feel for you will never end...

Isiah 54:10

God will link the golden chain,
Still closer when we meet again.

Anon.

You tried so hard, you told so few,
We will never know what you went through.

Anon.

Not 'til the loom is silent,
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unfold the canvas -
And explain the reason why.
The dark threads of gold and silver,
In the pattern he has planned.

Anon.



General Verses

You never failed to do your best,
Your heart was true and tender,
You simply lived for those you loved,
And those you loved remember.

Anon.

Life is not measured by the years you live,
But by the love you gave and the things you did.
You had a smile for everyone,
You had a heart of gold.

Anon.

With tears we watched you suffer,
We watched you fade away,
Our hearts were slowly breaking,
As you fought so hard to stay.
You did not want to leave us,
But you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home...

Anon.

God take back the soul of.....
Whom we have loved,
For he was only lent to us,
He brought us great joy.

Adapted by Joan Barkley

The Angels called on Friday,
And took you by the hand,
And whispered 'Jesus needs you more,
In our promised land.'

Anon.

Just like a seed she was
Placed here to nourish the Earth,
Just like a bud she grew filled with youth,
Just like a flower she glowed with such beauty,
Strong from our hearts deep within,
Keeping the love of such beauty for infinity.

Anon.

I climb the hill from end to end,
Of all the land beneath,
I find no place that does not bring
Some beautiful memory of you...

Anon.

Little did we know that morning,
The sorrow that the day would bring,
The shock was great, our loss severe,
O, God, how we wish you were still here.
The face we love is missing,
The voice we love is still...

Anon.



Religious Verses & Prayers

Mourner's Kaddish

Extolled and hallowed by the name of God throughout the world, which He created, according to His will. And may He speedily establish His Kingdom of righteousness on earth. Amen.

Praised be His glorious name unto all eternity.

Praised and glorified be the name of the Holy One, though He is above all the praises, which we can utter. Our guide is He in life, and our redeemer through all eternity. May the Father of Peace send peace to all who mourn and comfort all the bereaved among us.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want,
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul, He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness, for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil. My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Amen.

Psalm 23

Death hides, but it does not divide –
Thou art but on Christ's other side.
Thou art with Christ and Christ with me,
In Him I still am close to thee.....

Anon.

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you a rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Matthew 11 28-30

May his dear soul rest in peace.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
And let your perpetual light shine upon him...

Well done, good and faithful servant,
Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.
Servant of God, well done.
Rest from thy loved employ,
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.
Soldier of Christ, well done!
Praise be thy new employ,
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Saviour's joy.

O merciful Father who has taught us in thy holy word that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, look with pity upon the sorrows of thy servant, for whom our prayers are offered. Remember him, O Lord, in mercy, nourish his soul with patience, comfort him with a sense of thy goodness, lift up thy countenance upon him, and give him peace.

Amen.

Adapted from the Bible.

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray thee, Lord, my soul to keep,
If I should die before I wake,
I pray thee, Lord, my soul to take...

Anon.



Openings & Closings

Opening paragraphs

In loving memory of

In affectionate remembrance of

. passed away peacefully on (date) at his home, in his 80th year.

Gone to be with the Lord on (date)

Loving mother of

. who fell asleep in Jesus on (date).

Loved father of

. died on (date) at Royal Melbourne Hospital

. on (date) much loved by

. on (date) Our deepest sympathy to

Our dear friend

At rest after a long illness

Tragically taken

Closing lines

May his dear soul rest in peace.

Absent from the body, present with the Lord.

Peacefully sleeping.

Til we meet again.

In heavenly love abiding.

In God's care.

Rest in Peace.

Love does not end.

Mother and father reunited

Cherished memories.

In the arms of Jesus.

Ever remembered.

A patient sufferer at rest.

The long day closes.

Forever in our hearts.

Sadly missed.

With God, is far better.

Forever remembered.

Our darling in heaven.

Loved by all.

Requiescat in peace.

In loving memory.

Called to rest.

Ever in our thoughts.

God will link the broken chain.

Peace at last.

To know him was to love him.

A wonderful mother.

God has you in his keeping.

Peace after suffering.

The one we loved and will never forget.

Underneath are everlasting arms.

Close to our hearts, she will always stay loved and remembered every day.

God was kind for giving me you.

Memory is the treasury and guardian of all things.

Death is the golden key that opens the place of eternity.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

To live in the hearts of those we love, is not to die.

Our loving thoughts attend you on your new adventure.

One of nature's true gentlemen, the world is a sadder place without him.



Bereavement Notices

Special thanks to the nursing staff/doctor
at the hospital/nursing home for their care
and support.

Name A professor of history at the
University of Melbourne, died of cancer on
Tuesday, at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. He
was 75 years of age and lived in Malvern. Born in
. London, he came to Australia 60 years
ago. graduated from the University of
Melbourne and received a degree. A specialist in
modern history, taught at Geelong
Grammar for 10 years before moving to Malvern.
He retired in 1979. Professor was most
noted for his contribution to He is
survived by his wife and son his
brother and sister. all of Melbourne.
A funeral service will be held at on Monday
commencing at The arrangements are
under the direction of funeral directors.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion
of the service.

The family wish to acknowledge and
thank our many friends and relatives for their
love and support on the loss of our dearly loved
husband, father and grandfather.
Our sincere thanks to all
(Name of family)

The family of thank all the good RSL
mates who paid their respect by attending his
funeral. The beautifully delivered eulogy by
. of the Association will be long
remembered.
Thank you.

The graveside service led by president
of was very moving and made our
family proud and grateful that had so
many good mates. Our heartfelt thanks and
may God bless you all.

Please accept our deep appreciation for your help
in our recent bereavement –
the loss of our beloved

Only the sympathy, love, prayers and support
offered by you, and many others,
have enabled us to endure and gain victory
in our desolating experience.

Through prayers, telegrams, letters, cards,
phone messages and practical expressions,
God drew near to us.

Through them he revealed his love that would not
let us go, made us know and feel that round about
us were his everlasting arms, and made more real
assurance and hope of the Gospel.

For your willingness and readiness to be thus
an instrument in his hand to meet our deep need,
we thank God, and express our sincere
gratitude to you.

Name
and family wish to sincerely thank relatives,
friends and neighbours for all their help, love
and support in the recent death of their beloved
. Your love, caring, floral tributes,
telephone calls and cards will never be forgotten.
Please accept this as our personal expression
of thanks.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to
would be greatly appreciated.





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