FITTING FAREWELL

Suggested Outline for Funeral Service

In this booklet are some ideas of the structure of a typical funeral service. It is purely a suggestion and is designed to help you make the perfect choice for your loved one's service.

If after consultation with your clergy or officiator you would prefer a different structure, don't worry - you can. Simply send us the details by email for inclusion and we will do the rest.

Our aim is your satisfaction and to ensure your loved one has a fitting farewell.

FUNERAL SERVICE OUTLINE

Typical Example of Funeral Service Sheet

This document has been put together by Fitting Farewell, designers and printers of themed and bespoke funeral stationery. It is designed to help you create the perfect funeral service for your loved one. It can be quite daunting planning a funeral and deciding on the content of the funeral service. This example is typical of a modern funeral service or ceremony. All music, hymns, readings and poems are just suggestions.We very much hope that you find it useful at what is a very sad time for you and your family.

Front Cover

In loving memory of

NAME OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Aged

Date of Birth – Date of Death

at

NAME OF FUNERAL VENUE

on

DAY, MONTH, TIME

Officiator: (optional)

Inside Pages

Entry Music

The Scent of Love by Michael Nyman

Optional: This time is often used by the congregation for contemplation

Introductory Sentences

Hymn: Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changest not, abide with me.
I need thy presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and the earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O lord, abide with me.

Reading

Read by Officiator

Eulogy

Memories of NAME OF YOUR LOVED ONE
spoken by NAME OF FRIEND/FAMILY MEMBER

Poem: Do Not Stand At My Grave And Weep
Read by NAME OF FRIEND/FAMILY MEMBER

Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I did not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there, I did not die.

Prayer
Read by Officiator

God our Father,
We thank you that you have made each of us in your own image,
and given us gifts and talents with which to serve you.
We thank you for [Name],
the years we shared with him/her,
the good we saw in him/her,
the love we received from him/her.
Now give us strength and courage
to leave him/her in your care,
confident in your promise of eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn: Jerusalem

And did those feet in ancient times
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the Holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark satanic mills?
Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

Committal and Blessing

Closing Music
You Have Been Loved – George Michael

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The family would like to express their thanks to everyone for their kind words and support.

You are invited to share our memories of NAME OF YOUR LOVED ONE
at NAME OF VENUE after the funeral service.

Should you wish to make a donation in memory of NAME OF YOUR LOVED ONE our chosen charity is NAME OF CHARITY. You can give any donations to the funeral directors after the service or donate online at their website at WEB ADDRESS.

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