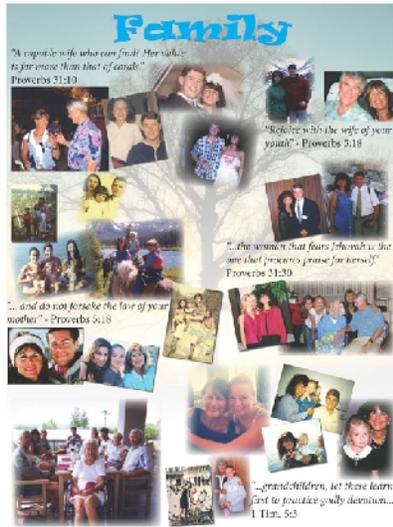


# Why create a celebration of life picture board?



Have you been to a celebration of life, memorial or funeral and seen the typical picture board? Some type of white board or bulletin board is placed usually where people enter and there are pictures placed from friends and family of your loved one. It is a great addition in honoring your loved one, but here are a few drawbacks.

- Some pictures get ruined because they either get holes in them or the glue used on the board causes you to tear the picture when removing it.
- When the event is over, the host may forget to get you the pictures you gave, and you never see them again.
- Because of the size of the pictures or the board, you may be limited to how many pictures are placed.
- People may be reluctant to sharing their pictures because they don't want to remove them from their albums.
- All the great pictures are with relatives that can't make the service.
- After the event is over, you have to take the board apart, so you can't save this board as a keepsake.

For these and many more reasons, creating a digital picture board is the best way to go. Everyone that contributes pictures can get them scanned and either email them or place them on your memorial website for you to access for the poster. A colorful picture collage board is customized to betray your loved ones life. You can even create a number of posters on different themes to share with everyone aspects of your loved one's life. Example: Life story, Family, Friends, Passions, Talents. Once the design is created, you can even create a number of posters for close friends and family to give away as keepsakes.

Here are some things you may want to include on your picture poster:

**Their Success** - what were they most proud of?

- Their children and grandchildren/great grandchildren
- Their talents: Writings, Art work, etc..
- Community Involvement, charities
- A poem or letter they have hand written
- Character drawings created for them
- Volunteer work
- Articles written about them or newspaper clips

**Special Moments**

- Graduation
- School participation: Sports, Play, Band, etc...
- Awards
- Dream Trips
- Wedding
- Milestone events

**Special Mementos**

- A poem, letter or card written for them by a loved one
- A memento they have kept from a vacation
- A memento that signified a important change in their life

Spread the word, ask family and friends to search out old photos, mementoes, letters, certificates, newspaper clippings, favorite quotes, sayings, poems and have them scanned and sent you either by email or by having them placed on your memorial website. When sending the item, request a sentence or two of why the item was special or why the pictures was taken, or ask for a quote from the person of what the loved one meant to them. These responses can also be placed on the board next to the scanned item to create a more personalized picture board.

When picking pictures from the deceased own an album choose a recent photograph of the deceased that captures them looking cheerful and reflects their personality. Think of how you would want to be represented if it were you. If they hated a particular picture of themselves and you know that, don't put it on the board, if there is a picture that is unflattering to them in any way don't include it even if you think it is an important photo.

Try to a variety of pictures of them through the years: A baby picture, A Childhood Photo, a late teen or early adult hood photo, middle aged Photo, and a current photo. If the diseased is a young person feel free to include all of their school pictures, or a variety of cute photos from their years. Try to cover as many families and close friends as you can. If the person is a parent include a picture of them with each of their kids and grand-kids if any.

Try to include a photo memory of their biggest accomplishments or joys. Include pictures of them being awarded for their accomplishments. Try to include at least one or two pictures that show them doing what they loved to do, and what they have been recognized for.

Once the posters are designed and approved by you, you can take that file to any printer in your neighborhood. We suggest going online and searching out prices, quality and print time. Before you print, consider how you will display the poster. If there is a wall the poster can be pinned to for display, and regular poster may work for you. You can decide what size you want it printed in. Be sure to tell us that size before the poster is designed to guarantee the best quality print. If you are planning to put it on an easel at the entrance, it's important to

have it printed by a printer that includes placing it on a thick white board for display. Don't forget to find an easel to place it on, if one is not provided.

Digital photo posters are the best way for you to create a photo picture board for your Celebration of Life. There is no limit in comparison to the quality, creative themes, and quantity of pictures or size of poster with digital posters. They create less hassle afterwards, and the poster is a great keepsake for family and friends. We here and Tears of Joy Video can give you a number of suggestions to make your poster board as unique as the person you are creating it for. Take a look at our Celebration of Life packages, stop by and view a few samples