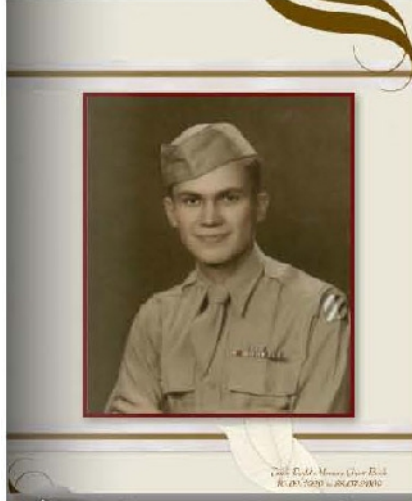


Why create a Celebration of Life/Memorial Personalized Guest Book



What is a Celebration of Life Personalized guest book? It is a special guest book that is more than just a book for guest to sign. This book includes pictures and information about the person you are celebrating, making it a family heirloom for generations of family members.

What can this book include? Let us walk you through the pages to share with you each page's details.

Starting with the cover, you would want to place here your favorite picture of your loved one, either a nice recent one or one of them as a young person,. Also include their name, birth date and date of death on the front cover.

Second page you could include a dedication or if the loved one knew they were going to die, a nice handwritten one page letter to the family (scanned), a special quote or favorite scripture could be placed in dedication.

The first few pages should start with their story. Show pictures with captions explaining about where they were born, where they were raised, what special places they visited as a family. What schools they attended what activities they participated. Include pictures of Parents and siblings. You could also include scanned versions of their birth certificate and passport on these pages. Be sure to label pictures and write down points of interest to tell their story.

Next page the family tree, or history with pictures. Label pictures with names and how they are related. Include some family stories as it relates to your loved one.

Write a page about their achievements; include pictures of awards, graduations and certificates.

Create a favorite things page with pictures of favorite foods, places, hobbies, sports, quotes, and talents.

Write a page about their legacy, their Philosophy on life, their hopes, their dreams, their goals, their final wishes.

Write a page of their loves. Their personal love story, include dating pictures, wedding pictures with wedding date, maybe scan wedding license, pictures of first house. Tell their love story, how they met and fell in love and what they learned from each other.

If they had children, create a college page with pictures of their children at different ages. Include birthdays, wedding dates, and appropriate labels to tell the story of the pictures. Within this section you can include family memories or stories.

If they had grandchildren, include a collage page of pictures of the grandchildren. Label their names and birthdays. You could include quotes about grandchildren, personal stories about how the grandparent related to the grandchildren and other relevant information.

Then you have a number of pages for the guest to use at the Celebration of Life to sign in. On these pages you not only ask for their signature, but their email or cell phone. At the Celebration of Life many may attend who you haven't seen in years. Getting this information will help you keep in touch with these ones. It also can be used later to send out a group thank you to all that attended.

The last few pages should include pictures of friends. Maybe some pictures and quotes from the memorial website that were shared from friends. Be sure to label friends names. You may also want to include a small version of the picture poster that was created for the ceremony.

The last page should be a picture of their final resting place. If the burial or cremation was done before the celebration, you can include the pictures here. End with a favorite quote, poem or scripture.

Why use this type of guest book over a regular guest book? Most guest books are only used for that day. Maybe you will pull it out from time to time and look at it. But this guest book is a book you can leave out on your coffee table for friends and family to look at. It tells the full story of your loved one and can be a written form of history for your family to have as a keepsake for generations to come.

Tears of Joy Video creates these guest books as part of our "Celebration of Life" packages, but you can also order one of these books for us to create on its own as well. Stop by our site for more information.