

Why create a memorial celebration of life program?



The memorial or Celebration of Life Program is a wonderful way to create a keepsake that encompasses all aspects of your loved ones life. When someone you love dies, you long to hold some memento of that person to keep your loved one alive in your mind. This is what the program can be to you, your family and friends. This memorial keepsake can be created to give small glimpse into the person's life, their accomplishments, what they loved, their joys and their sorrows. Their program should be unique to them, so

that when placed in your hand you feel a part of that person and their personality speaking to you.

What should be included in the program?

- The deceased's full name
- Years of birth and death
- Service order of events or outline
- Biography – life highlights-Eulogy-life story
- Surviving family members
- Scripture verse or favorite poems
- Photos
- Quotes about your loved one from friends and Family
- A message for thanks from the family
- You can include a background of their favorite place

One of the first steps after the person dies is to gather family and friends together to plan the celebration of life. At this time you can collect information that will serve as an outline for the program and the eulogy. This is also a good time to start collecting photographs you can use in the program, video and photo board. Always keep in mind the deceased, likes, dislikes, life theme, what he or she stood for, and what was important to them in life. This information can be used to create the program. If your loved one had a favorite color, flower, location, or activity; you can use these things in creating a theme for the program. Essentially, the funeral program can include anything you would like to share with attendees that highlight the deceased or look more closely into his or her life. Remember that it is a celebration of their life, their accomplishments, and the people they have touched.

Some programs can be one page printed on both sides and then folded in the middle to open like a book. Others can be two or three pages, printed on both sides and stapled in the middle to create a booklet. A two-page life story can be included and each page of pictures can be in a theme to represent different aspects of the person's life. There truly are no bounds in creating funeral programs. You can make it simple or as elaborate as you'd like. It will be a lasting keepsake the friends and family of the deceased can keep as a memory of them forever.

Each program Tears of Joy Video creates for our Celebration packages are created at our client's request. We do not create them from templates. Each program is as unique as the person we create them for. If you are at lost as to what to create or what to say, we work with you to help you write your story, give you suggestions on what to include after speaking to you about your loved one. In creating the website, program, video, picture boards and personalized guest book, we can create a unique theme that is woven into each piece like art work, to give an overall presentation of you're loved on at their Celebration of Life. We look forward to helping you with your memorial program.