

# How to Write a Memorable Obituary

The best obits are memorable portraits that reveal notable details about a person's life and how it affected others. But it's also important to include the basics of a person's life and to share any funeral service information:

- Age
- Any familial survivors
- Education
- Vocation
- When the person retired, if relevant
- Any military affiliations
- Any volunteer affiliations
- Date, time and location of the funeral
- Any viewing details
- Requests for donations in lieu of flowers

Some obituaries don't mention the cause of death. We recommend including it if possible because readers will want to know, and then the rest of the piece can focus on the person's life.

## Celebrate what made your loved one unique

Take the time to highlight such details, and include what made the deceased special, such as hobbies, nickname or proudest accomplishments.

If writing the obituary or contacting others for information is too much to take on, reach out for help. A funeral director should be able to offer guidance, and professional obituary writers can assist as well.

## It's OK to add some humor

Death is no joke, of course, but it's fine to add some humor into an obituary.