

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Email _____

Family Contact Name _____

Family Contact Phone Number _____

Preferred Mortuary _____

Preferred Type of Service (Please circle choice)

Funeral (casket is present)

Memorial (no casket, there may be ashes)

Visitation (please circle choice)

Yes No -- If yes --- Funeral Home or Church

Scripture Readings:

Traditionally, usually one are read. Readings could include and Old Testament Lesson, a Psalm, a New Testament Lesson, and a Gospel Reading. See the attached list for suggestion. Other readings, such as poetry, writings from the family or inspiring lessons should also be considered.

Lesson: _____

Psalm: 23 _____

Other readings (poetry, prose, etc.): _____

Traditional or Contemporary Music (Please circle choice)

Favorite Hymns or Songs (most funerals have 3-4 songs)

Hymn(s) sung by a soloist: _____

Hymn(s) sung by the congregation: _____

Special music: _____

Pall Bearers

Memorial Contributions to:

What are some details, accomplishments, stories that you want to have included in your service? (if you like help with this, you can meet with Pastor John).

Suggestions for Memorial Service Readings

What is read at a memorial service should not only be a reflection of the person being remembered but an expression of our feelings and emotions as well. Scripture readings are also important because they remind us of the presence of God both in the service and in our lives. Most people follow tradition and pick Psalm 23 or John 14 because they are familiar and comforted by those readings but there is a wealth of other possibilities. Scripture in a memorial service should speak to God's presence and comfort in our lives and God's great work in the lives of those we remember.

Here are some suggestions you might want to look up:

Exodus 14:5-15, 19-31 (Israel is delivered)

Isaiah 40:1-8 (Comfort, O comfort, my people)

Isaiah 40:28-31 (They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint)

Isaiah 43: 1-3a, 5-7, 13, 15, 18-19, 25; 44:6, 8a (God will deliver)

Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13 (Hymn of joy)

Psalms 23, 42, 43, 46, 90, 91, 103, 116, 121, 130, 139, 145, 146

Luke 24:13-35 (Jesus meets the disciples on the road to Emmaus)

John 11: 1-4, 20-27, 32-35, 38-44 (Raising of Lazarus)

John 14: 1-4, 18-19, 25-27 ("In my father's house, there are many rooms...")

Romans 8: 1-2, 11, 14, 17-18, 28, 31-32, 35-39 (Nothing can separate us from God)

1 Corinthians 13 (The 'Love' passage)

2 Corinthians 4:5-18 (Glory to God)

Ephesians 1:15-23, 2:1-10 (Alive in Christ)

1 Peter 1:3-9, 13, 21-25 (Blessed by God)

Revelation 7:2-3, 9-17 (the great number of the redeemed)

Hymn Suggestions for a Memorial Service United Methodist Hymnal

- 378 "Amazing Grace"
- 110 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
- 62 "All Creatures of Our God and King"
- 154 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
- 364 "Because He Lives"
- 302 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
- 653 "Christ the Victorious"
- 313 "Christo Vive"
- 158 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
- 304 "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"
- 711 "For All the Saints"
- 577 "God of Grace and God of Glory"
- 127 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
- 128 "He Leadeth Me"
- 316 "He Rose"
- 707 "Hymn of Promise"
- 314 "In The Garden"
- 89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
- 384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
- 452 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
- 117 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
- 66 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
- 160 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"
- 706 "Soon and Very Soon"
- 545 "The Church's One Foundation"
- 303 "The Day of Resurrection"
- 138 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
- 136 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"
- 306 "The Strife Is O'er"
- 308 "Thine Be the Glory"
- 525 "We'll Understand It Better By and By"

Titles From *The Faith We Sing*

- 2213 "Healer of Our Every Ill"
- 2042 "How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely"
- 2282 "I'll Fly Away"
- 2210 "Joy Comes with the Dawn"
- 2212 "My Life Flows On"
- 2076 "O Blessed Spring"
- 2284 "There'll Be Joy in the Morning"

