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How to Plan a Life Celebration

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Summary:

How to Plan a Life Celebration, guides you through the process with great ideas for personalization.

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A funeral doesn't have to be family and friends sitting in front of a dead body saying the rosary.

Why Should I Have a Service at All?

Services are really about love. You are taking the time and expressing and sharing the love through words.

Where Should I Hold the Life Celebration?

Some funeral homes and cremation societies have rooms for you to use. If you are members of a church, you can hold the service there.

Whom Can I Get to Lead the Service?

Celebrants are becoming more and more popular. A Certified Funeral Celebrant is a person who specializes in conducting services.

Many families today do not participate in an organized religion or church. They have no family members who can lead the service.

How Can I have Family and Friends Share Their Memories?

You only have one chance to collect everyone's memories. Consider lined 3" x 5" cards that say "I remember you..."

You can print these yourself on your home computer and copy them onto card stock.

Guest books are not very practical as they require people to wait in line at the service. Unless you have a very large family, a guest book is not necessary.

What Can I Put on a Memory Table?

Create a table and bring in things that your loved one liked to do. For example, if they liked to read, bring in books.

Consider putting pocket charms on the table that reflect your loved one. Guests are encouraged to take a charm home.

You may also want to consider personalized seeded cards that contain wildflowers. The cards can be placed in a vase.

Should I Have it Catered?

It is always nice to serve a meal. A dinner reception or seated luncheon will be more of a professional service.

Should I Serve Drinks?

You may want to go easy on alcohol as emotions and alcohol are never a good combination. Death is a sobering experience.

What Else Can I do at the Celebration?

Consider a balloon release. Family and friends could write a note on a tag that is attached to the balloon.

Also, dove releases and butterfly releases are becoming more popular.

You may also have families and friends light a candle. You could have a procession and put the candles in a basket.

In closing, memorial services and life celebrations really do not have any rules. It is up to you to make it meaningful.

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