

How do I write an obituary?

The following is a guideline only. You know the person best and need to decide what applies. Ideally, the obituary accurately reflects not just the statistical information but actually gives the readers a feel for who the person really was.

The header will include:

Name; Date of birth; and date of death

The first section may include statistical information such as:

Birthplace; Parents' names; Educational Accomplishments; Military service; Marriage(s)

Next section:

Work history and work affiliations

The next section is who the person really is and what they may have accomplished. Such as:

Church membership and organization within the church; Civic, fraternal and/or club memberships (with any position or offices held); Hobbies; Other interests

The next section is a list of survivors in appropriate order:

Spouse; Children; Grandchildren; Parents; Grandparents; Siblings; Nephews; Nieces; Cousins; and Friends. List family that preceded him/her in death such as Spouse; Parents; Children; Grandchildren; Great-grandchildren; Brothers; and Sisters.

Next section is for the service:

Day, date, time and place of service; Name of Officiant and their title; Place of burial or entombment

Next are for memorial donations:

Name of any organization(s) for donations. Including mailing and website addresses can be helpful.

Last paragraph is the name of the funeral home or cremation service handling arrangements.

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1. Go to springerandson.com
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3. A drop down will appear, click create obituary
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