

PLANNING A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

NAME: _____

PLACE: _____ **ADDRESS:** _____

DATE AND TIME OF SERVICE: _____

A Humanist Celebration of Life or Memorial Service focuses on celebrating in an individual way the life and achievements of the person who has died, rather than relying on a specific set ritual. It allows for and encourages participation by family and friends. Time and again people from other denominations who attend a Humanist Service are impressed by its warmth and its personal nature. This planning guide is intended to help family members shape a funeral. It will provide significant information and guidance to the Officiant writing the text of the service.

Full name: _____

Birthdate: _____ Date of death: _____

Birthplace: _____

Any significant details you wish to mention describing his/her death _____:

Contact Person: _____ Tel. No. _____

Telephone number of contact person(s): _____

Address: _____

Family members to be included in the introduction:

Mother: _____ Father: _____

Wife _____

Children/grandchildren: _____

ELEMENTS OF THE SERVICE

Music is an option. Selections may be played before or during the service by live musicians with singer or CDs, etc. Suggested points in the service follow:

Gathering:

Reflection:

Closing:

Fellowship:

Other:

In addition to the officiant, is there anyone else whom you would like to offer a eulogy?

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Would you like to have other family members and/or friends share memories? And if so, please list their names:

Other readings or a prayer offered by a family friend:

Are there any notes, diaries, journals or writing by or about the individual? If these are available, it would be good if you could provide them for the officiant to use while

drafting the text.

Position in family, names of siblings _____

Grade and High Schools attended:

Childhood memories: _____

(Feel free to add an attachment.)

Further Education (university, etc. if applicable): _____

If married, name of spouse(s), how they met and wedding date(s):

Any other significant relationships, friendships _____

Work experience: _____

Significant events: (moves, travel, things that were meaningful to the person.)

Things you've enjoyed in your life: favourite activities or hobbies, pets, gardens, music, art, reading materials, games or sports.....

What is your philosophy of life and/or belief about the hereafter, if any?

Anything you would specifically not like read, said or sung at your memorial!?

Anything in your life

for which you are particularly grateful?

How would you like to be remembered?

Displays. Any photos of yourself and/or your family you particularly like? Any artwork or craft of yours which could be displayed? (Describe only, they don't have to be included, but also tell us where they are.)

Is there anything you've seen in other Memorial Services that you'd like included in yours? Any particular ritual?

Have you any thoughts as to the type of reception you would like following the service?

Anything else you've thought of that you'd like to mention
