

Let The Carroll family help you during this difficult time

Ave Maria Memorial Chapel

609 Main Street
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Farewell Planning Guide

On behalf of the staff of Ave Maria Memorial Chapel and the Carroll Family we extend to you our sympathy at the loss of your loved one. The passing of someone close is a trying and traumatic time, we understand this. Since 1950 we have been privileged to serve all families at this most difficult time. Our promise to you is to bring our years of experience, concern and care to your family. Over the next several days you will be making many decisions regarding the type of services that will both appropriately honor your loved one and provide a meaningful service for your family. With this guide we hope to begin that process for you.

This helpful guide touches on several details your family will need to consider, prior to coming to the mortuary to complete the arrangements. The information you provide in this guide will be used to complete the Certificate of Death, Permit of Disposition, Veterans Claims, Social Security notification and other legal documents. Please take a few moments to review this guide, providing information requested and discussing the arrangements appropriate to honoring your loved one.

To ensure that the information is complete and accurate the Memorial Counselor will review this guide with you at the time of the arrangement conference.

Please call the funeral home to set up an appointment to meet with a counselor. You may telephone us for assistance in scheduling an appointment **(831)-724-4751**.

Available 24 hours
Monday thru Saturday- 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Sunday- Available by phone & appointment
Hablamos Español
Visit our website at:
www.avemariamemorialchapel.com

Necessary Items

Please bring the following items to your scheduled arrangement conference:

- Clothing, including undergarments
- Social security card or number
- Military and/or discharge documents
- Cemetery documents
- Personal makeup
- Picture showing hair style
- Durable power of attorney for health care
- Person mementos to be displayed at the service
- Any documents relating to pre-planning or pre-need funeral arrangements
- Insurance policies

Discussion Topics

Please discuss the following topics with other family members:

- Location for Funeral, Mass or Memorial Service
- Personal items, pictures to create a DVD and music to make the service unique and reflective of the person honored
- After service reception site (we offer an onsite location)
- Permanent resting place (we serve all cemeteries)
- Officiate, minister, priest or rabbi
- Memorialization options (monuments, marker, urns etc.)

Obituary Notice

The Register-Pajaronian offers two types of death notices; a complimentary notice and a paid notice. The complimentary notice is a service offered by few newspapers however there are certain limitations. A complimentary notice is subject to editing by the newspaper staff. It will include the names of immediate family members only, offers some biographical information and generally does not include family sentiment or thoughts. A photo may be included subject to space limitations.

The paid notice will be published as it is prepared by the family and can include the names of family, friends, personal thoughts, sentiment and personal stories. A photo can be included with a paid notice. At your request we will also prepare and place obituary notices in out of town newspapers.

Please visit our website for suggestion to assist you with the creation of this notice and important keepsake. Bring your favorite photo for our use. **Obituaries can be submitted to us via our email, along with the photo.**

Certified Copies of Death Certificate

Certified copies of the Death Certificate are used to establish proof of death. They are issued by the County where the death occurred. They may be needed to transfer real property, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, automobiles, insurance and/or union benefits and other business transactions.

As part of our service to you we complete the Death Certificate, have the attending physician sign it, file it with the County and obtain any Certified Copies that you may need. Only specific persons cited in law may obtain a certified copy of the Death Certificate.

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The following information is required by law and will be used to complete the California Death Certificate among other legal documents. This information must be accurate and will become a permanent record retained by the mortuary.

Complete legal name of deceased
FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____
LAST _____ LEGAL AKA _____
DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____
DATE OF DEATH _____ TIME OF DEATH _____
PLACE & ADDRESS OF DEATH _____
DOCTORS NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER _____
DOCTORS ADDRESS _____
SOCIAL SECURITY # _____ AGE _____ [] MALE [] FEMALE
MARITAL STATUS: [] MARRIED [] WIDOWED [] DIVORCED [] NEVER MARRIED
RACE _____ HISPANIC (specify) [] Yes _____ [] No _____
EDUCATION - Highest Level/Degree _____
MILITARY SERVICE/VETERAN [] Yes Branch _____ Rank _____
USUAL OCCUPATION _____ YEARS IN OCCUPATION _____
TYPE OF INDUSTRY _____
USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED _____
CITY _____ COUNTY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
YEARS IN COUNTY OF RESIDENCE _____ STATE _____
INFORMANTS NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____
INFORMANTS ADDRESS _____
FIRST NAME OF SPOUSE _____ MIDDLE NAME _____
MAIDEN NAME _____ DATE OF MARRIAGE _____
FATHERS FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE NAME _____
FATHERS LAST NAME _____ FATHERS PLACE OF BIRTH _____
MOTHER FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE NAME _____
MOTHERS MAIDEN NAME _____ MOTHERS PLACE OF BIRTH _____

I have reviewed the information above and believe it to be correct. Any changes to the official documents after filing will require an amendment to the record. The amendment process is time consuming and expensive.

Signature _____ Relationship _____ Date _____



The Arrangement Conference

During the arrangement conference the Memorial Counselor will verify the personal information that you have provided, discuss the many service options available to honor and commemorate your loved one. We will assist you in planning the Memorial/Funeral Service, review and complete the required legal documents, discuss and prepare the obituary notice, contact the cemetery or crematory, confirm the clergy and church arrangements and provide any other information and services requested. Please allow yourself at least two hours for this conference.

The Service

Meaningful funeral ceremonies can and do make a significant difference in how the bereaved channel their grief toward health and healing. During the services the community comes together and responds not only to the reality that someone has died, but to the reality that those remaining will need support, compassion, love, hope and understanding. More, an authentic Service is often the beginning of the expression of grief. It is not about “closure,” it is about an important opening. Helen Keller provided us with a simple yet profound metaphor when she said “The only way to get to the other side is to go through the door.” Meaningful services are doorways to healing for the bereaved. Dr. Alan Wolfelt, PH.D.

At Ave Maria Memorial Chapel we specialize in honoring the memory of a loved one in the most personal way, helping friends and family remember the magic of a lifetime with a personalized service.

Maybe he was a prize-winning bowler, or a Little League coach. Perhaps she loved dancing or spending time in her garden. You can commemorate the magic of a lifetime with a specially-personalized service. We can play favorite music. Display cherished personal items. And even create a special tribute video; with photos, music and precious recollections.

We can conduct services at our chapel, in our gardens, at any cemetery or at your place of worship. We can even arrange for a service at a place that holds special meaning for you such as a park, golf course or your own home. Remember, there's more to a funeral than the traditional value and affordability we offer. Celebrating the life of a special individual in a way that is very personal makes for a meaningful and healing experience.

Our funeral homes serve all religions and we pride ourselves on understanding the wide variety of faiths and belief systems that make up our community. We have served all faiths, churches and beliefs.

The Reception

The Gathering or Reception, allows essential time for your family and friends to tell stories about the person who died, to laugh, to cry, to support one another. It is an informal time of release after the more formal elements of a service. The gathering is also a transition, a rite of passage. It demonstrates the continuity of life, even in the face of death.

We offer an onsite Reception Center. We can arrange for a caterer to provide a buffet style meal. Or, if you would like family and friends are welcome to contribute food potluck-style. Whether using our reception Center or your own home this is a very important time to spend with your family and friends.

To Honor-To Comfort-To Commemorate

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OBITUARY WORKSHEET

*Newspaper notices must be turned in by **11:00am** two days before it is to appear in the newspaper selected* **Please email the notice and attach a JPEG Photo of your choice to Jordi Carroll at jordi.carroll@avemariamemorialchapel.com**

email address: _____

To be published in: Register Pajaronian FREE _____ OR/ PAID _____ Santa Cruz Sentinel _____ Other _____

Dates: _____

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Date of death: _____

A native/resident of _____

Husband/wife of _____

Father/mother of _____

Brother/sister of _____

Grandfather/grandmother of _____

Son/daughter of _____

Also survived by _____

Bio Information: activities, organizations, hobbies accomplishments and education _____

Funeral Service/Memorial Service/Funeral Mass/Graveside Service _____

Donations to: _____

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Let the Carroll Family and Staff of Ave Maria Memorial Chapel help you during this difficult time



A compassionate and kind hearted person at the time of a loss can help provide comfort to a grieving family. The staff at Ave Maria Memorial Chapel is just that.

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