

# Writing an Obituary



An obituary serves as a community notification that an individual has passed. Obituaries have traditionally appeared in print prior to services honoring a loved one and provide the service arrangements.

The obituary can also serve to detail the life story of the deceased. An obituary's length may be somewhat dictated by the cost to publish in a newspaper. Online obituaries also help notify the surrounding community.

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## What to include?

Typically the honoree's full name, date and city of passing are included in the first sentence. Next comes biographical info, surviving family members as well as those preceded in death, service arrangements, and recipients of memorial contributions.

Many families also include a photograph of their loved one.

## Biographical

Options: City & Date of Birth, Military Affiliations, Schools/Education, Religious Affiliations/Church, Hobbies/Interests, etc

## Survivors

It is common to include a list of those who have survived the deceased. The list may include where applicable: Parents, Spouse, Children, Siblings, Grandparents, and others. Important friends and distant relatives could also be included.



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## Service Information

Details of the time and location of any services for the deceased: these may include the funeral, burial, wake and memorial service where appropriate and officiant's name conducting the service. Additional information such as where the body will be laid to rest and any pallbearer's names or names of honorary pallbearers may also be mentioned.

## Memorial Contributions

If there is a recipient of memorial contributions it's a good idea to include the organization's name and address in the obituary so friends and family know where to make the contribution.

## Where to Publish

Our funeral home will handle forwarding your obituary to the locations you wish it to be published. Below are a few places to consider and their respective prices.

**Chattanooga Times Free Press** – Prints 7 days a week, \$0.75 per word (25 words for free), \$25 for photo

**Chattanooga** – Online Newspaper \$30 per obit (no charge for photo)

**Our Funeral Home Website** - Free

**Facebook/Social Media** - Free

**Out-of-Town Newspapers** – Prices Vary. Our funeral home will contact any out-of-town newspapers you want your obituary to be published in and find out the price for you.



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