

Funeral Notice wording

Funeral notices are important to inform family, friends, work colleagues and others who may have known a loved one, of their death. They are also a keepsake for families and a record of family history. There is no legal requirement to have a funeral or death notice.

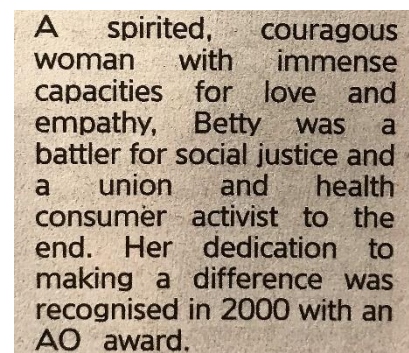
Wording a funeral notice takes thought and consideration. It may portray unique qualities of your loved one, include a verse or saying, as well as facts such as:

- Full name
- Maiden name
- Dates of birth and death
- Place of birth and death
- Age
- Immediate family
- Details of death (*eg sudden*)
- Service date, time, place
- Donations
- Special requests (*wear colours, no flowers*)

Families can place funeral notices directly with newspapers. Newspapers generally require proof of death before placing the notice, for example, a contact number of the Funeral Director.

When Funeral Notices are placed by a Funeral Director, it will often include their logo and details, adding to your costs.

Carefully worded notices make wonderful reading and may also reduce the word count and hence, the cost. Choose words to suit your loved one.



COMMONLY USED WORDS AND ALTERNATIVES

<i>Beloved</i>	<i>adored, cherished, darling, magnificent, fond, treasured</i>
<i>Passed away</i>	<i>died</i>
<i>Passed away peacefully</i>	<i>died peacefully</i>
<i>Died unexpectedly</i>	
<i>Missed by many friends</i>	

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REDUCING WORD COUNT WITHOUT CHANGING THE MEANING:

ACTUAL

The relatives and friends of David are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service to be held on Thursday (October 4th, 2018) in The East Chapel of Rookwood Gardens Crematorium at 10.15am.

At the conclusion of the Cremation Service a Celebration of David's life will be held at the Abbotsford Presbyterian Church Hall, 443 Great North Road, Abbotsford to commence at 12 midday.

63 WORDS

Around 40% less words

Friends and family are invited to David's funeral service at 10.15am this Thursday, 4 October at East Chapel, Rookwood Gardens Crematorium.

A Celebration of David's life will follow at Abbotsford Presbyterian Church Hall, 443 Great North Road, Abbotsford from noon.

40 WORDS and easier to read

SAMPLES FROM ACTUAL NOTICES

INVITATION

Friends and family are respectfully invited

The relatives and friends

... a celebration of his life *to be held* in the NAME Chapel at location *commencing* at 1pm

Family and friends are invited

NAME'S family and friends

..... a celebration of life at NAME Chapel at 1pm

NAME touched the lives of many people and they are all welcome

DEATH DESCRIPTION

Finally at rest after a long illness

Passed away suddenly

At rest after a long illness

Died suddenly

BURIAL

Following the service, burial will take place in the adjoining cemetery grounds.

Burial will follow at the cemetery.

DONATIONS

In lieu of flowers, donations to CHARITY would be appreciated. A donation box will be available at the chapel.

Please consider a donation in lieu of flowers to the CHARITY, a bowl will be provided for this purpose

No flowers please. Donations appreciated to CHARITY in NAME'S memory

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to CHARITY

Remember NAME with a donation to CHARITY

DRESS

Dress of your choice but tropical colours preferred

Wear tropical colours

Please wear bright colours

PRIVATE SERVICE

A private family service for NAME has been held in accordance with her wishes.

NAME specifically requested a private cremation with only family present, so the family, reluctantly, will honour that.

A private service as per her wishes.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Limited parking at venue

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HO, Kathleen.
2.4.1963 - 3.6.2018

Killed in a tragic cycle/vehicle collision while training outside Bungendore.

Beloved sister of Ken, Keith, Kerry, and Karen.

Cherished wife of Mark. Respected consultant to Federal government.

Loyal, playful and cheeky friend to many.

**Fierce in Life,
Fearless in Love,
"Stomping down the road less travelled"**

A catered, private service for friends and family will be held in Canberra on Saturday, 16 June 2018, commencing at 2:00pm.

For details, email: kathyhofuneral@outlook.com

In lieu of flowers, a donation in Kath's memory to the Amy Gillet Foundation would be appreciated.

www.amygillett.org.au

"A metre matters"

RELF, Fred
6th June, 2003

There is always a face before us, a voice we would love to hear, a smile we will always remember of Fred that we love so dear.

Deep in our heart is a picture more precious than silver and gold, it is a picture of Fred who we would love to hold.

Love always
Norma and Graeme, Brenda,
grandchildren
and great-grandchildren.

ELDER, John McIlwraith.
Died aged 89 in Judy Cameron Nursing Home, Beecroft, on Saturday 23rd June 2018.

He had been married to his life partner, June Estelle Elder, for 70 years, while they lived in Bronte, Chatswood and finally back to the beach at Copacabana. He was a woolbuyer, a Mason, a fervent tennis player into his 80s, a mower of his son's lawns and most of all an esteemed and loved grandfather and great grandfather to a tribe of children. Small children stopped talking when he gave the 'Occasional Christmas Oration' from his leather chair, and were astounded that he could fall asleep in just a flash. He transported grandchildren to hundreds of swimming races and was the only reliable source of stop-watch times. He attended tennis, dancing, Swedish classes, singing and many other activities with his grandchildren, and of course with June, who was always by his side, and remained so through every day of his final illness. He would always have a smile. He was a good husband, he was a good man and he was a wonderful grandfather whose memory will live with us always.

His funeral will be held in it's entirety at Epping Uniting Church, Chester Street, Epping, on Monday 2nd July 2018, at 11.00am.

ALBERT & MEYER
AUSTRALIAN OWNED
Thornleigh 9484 3992

Susan Wakil, AO

18 October 1933 - 28 May 2018

It is with great pain and shock that Isaac Wakil sadly announces the untimely passing of his devoted lifelong partner and friend, his pillar, his icon and his love for Susan will never fade.

Susan Wakil, her warm and vibrant personality will be deeply missed and remembered by many wonderful admiring friends and our large and caring family.

The funeral service will be held at Emanuel Synagogue, Friday 1 June, 2018, 10:30am, 7 Ocean St., Woollahra.

A private burial will follow.

Isaac requests friends and family bear with him as he has decided to take a year of mourning. Your kind thoughts stand high. Flowers no.

BARR (nee Swift)
Joan Yvonne "Mimi"

of Dural, died peacefully on the 22nd of May, 2018, at the age of 96, after a long and fascinating life.

Mimi had a long career in Advertising, at a time when not many women were in the workforce, let alone in management positions. She was an advertising manager at Snow's Department store, the Head Copy Writer at David Jones, and the Head of Public Relations for the Australian Wool Board.

Mimi loved to travel and has left journals detailing the many journeys she took to such places as Tahiti, Africa, and Europe. She loved animals almost more than people and was a devoted owner of a number of rescue dogs and birds, a horse lover and an avid rider. She shared her love of riding through her volunteer work at Riding for the Disabled. She was an accomplished and exacting pianist, who experienced music rather than merely listening to it. She loved literature, film, writing, and she had a life long love of language, which made her an eloquent speaker and a formidable Scrabble opponent.

Mimi relished the small joys, a cold VB, prawns, fish and chips or a swim at Bondi, going to a movie, listening to classical music with her brother, or immersing herself in the natural world. She will always be an inspiration to her family and friends for the way she lived her life. She was curious, adventurous, particular, stubborn, never one to tell you a thing just to make you feel better if she didn't believe it to be true, but devoted to the people she loved, and unconventional to the last.

Mimi was the adored wife of Hugh Dickson Barr (dec), and daughter of Frank Edward and Lilian Alice Swift (dec). She is deeply loved and will always be remembered by her family in the USA, her beloved brother and sister-in-law Peter and Jackie Swift of Rochester, NY, her nieces and nephew and their families, Lisa and David Johnston, of Buffalo, NY, Jennifer Swift and Gary Stockman of Washington, D.C., and John Swift and Ellen Carroll of San Carlos, CA, as well as four grand nieces and nephews, devoted family members Rick and Lindy Butler, and many beloved friends. Mimi will be missed profoundly, but will live on through the memory of her brilliance, her sense of humor, her adventurous spirit, and her tenacious independence. Please join Mimi's family and friends at an informal gathering to remember and celebrate her, at the Café Botanica, at Swane's nursery, 490 Galston Road, Dural, on FRIDAY the (1st of June, 2018) at 2:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the RSPCA, or the NSW Animal Welfare League.

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ONLINE FUNERAL NOTICES

In today's tech world, funeral notices may now appear online, including in Facebook posts.

Some funeral directors and cemeteries have their own website based funeral announcements.

Also, people can post their own funeral notices online.

Here's an example, right, and over page.

THE RYERSON INDEX

The Ryerson Index is a free index to death notices appearing in Australian newspapers.

The date range covered extends from the *Sydney Gazette* of 1803 up to newspapers published within the last week or so.

The Index also includes many funeral notices, and some probate notices and obituaries.

<https://www.ryersonindex.org/>;

SUMMARY

- ❖ Funeral notices are optional
- ❖ Carefully consider the words
- ❖ Edit & double-check, especially spellings & dates
- ❖ You can place notices direct with newspapers
- ❖ Notices become part of family history

RICHARDS Shirley

Aged 94

Shirley is now revelling in being with Strawb, the dalmatians, and Persimmon the cat, alias One-Eye. Seated with a view of the sea, glass in hand, plate of avocados at her side.

In a glorious moment of recognition, spirit and resilience, 'Damn' was her last word, as she struggled to breathe through pneumonia. She joined Strawb peacefully the next day. She and Strawb were masters at making the most of things in a changing world. Whether finding challenging work to do, the best education, following sport, building seven architect designed homes, making sizzling sweet tomatoes for breakfast, yummy goodies before dinner, barbecues!, dinner parties, exploring other countries with friends; leading by growing avocados and the sweetest oranges in the river land; making friends across towns, states, and countries.

They were super at celebrating at Merricks, Renmark, London, Adelaide, Melbourne, Coolum Beach, Noosa... and heaps of places in between. They are now celebrated by their children and partners Jane and Chris, Vicki and Russell, Kirsty, Sandy and Angela; grandchildren and partners, Nikki and Chris, Lando and Kate, Cesca and Sim, Cassie and Rod, Simon and Elise, Will and Lizzie, Jose and Pieter, Rose and Jim; and great grandchildren Archie, Lulu, Banjo, Junie, Lacey and Findlay. Towards the end, she delighted in sharing a grandchild's book, and seeing them take off for a stroll around the room with her walker, jazz playing in the background.

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This courageous 5-year-old wrote his own funeral notice, published online.

Garrett Michael Matthias - aged 5, Iowa USA 26/3/2013 – 6/7/2018
Aka "The Great Garrett Underpants"

My name is: Garrett Michael Boofias
My birthday is: I am 5 years old
My address is: I am a Bulldog!
My favorite color is: Blue....and Red and Black and Green
My favorite superhero is: Batman...and Thor, Iron Man, the Hulk and Cyborg
When I grow up: I'm going to be a professional boxer

My favorite people are:

- Mommy, Daddy, my sister 'Delcina' (Delphina),
- The grandparents with the new house (Fredric and Cheryl Krueger),
- The grandparents with the camper (Daniel and Nita Matthias),
- My cousins: Grady, 'that guy I took down that one time' (Luke), & London Marie,
- My Auntie Janette and Stinky Uncle Andy (Andrew and Janette Krueger),
- Those two guys, you know, my uncles (Kristopfer Krueger and James Taylor)
- Batman!!

The things I love the most: Playing with my sister, my blue bunny, thrash metal, Legos, my daycare friends, Batman and when they put me to sleep before they access my port

Things I hate: Pants!, dirty stupid cancer, when they access my port, needles, & the monkey nose that smells like cherry farts...I do like the mint monkey nose like at Mayo Radiation & that guy that helped me build Legos (Randy)

When I die: I am going to be a gorilla and throw poo at Daddy!

Burned or Buried: I want to be burned (like when Thor's Mommy died) and made into a tree so I can live in it when I'm a gorilla

Big or Small Funeral: Funerals are sad: I want 5 bouncy houses (because I'm 5), Batman, and snow cones

Emilie and Ryan Matthias will honor Garrett's final wishes by having a Celebration of Life on Saturday, July 14th from 5pm – 11pm Van Meter, Iowa

Note: Symbolic Asgardian burial ceremony and fireworks will be held just after sunset

A private burial of Garrett's ashes will be held at a later time once his parents figure out how the hell to get his ashes made into a tree and locate a nature preserve, so his tree resides in a protected area.

Donations can be made directly to the family <https://www.gofundme.com/garrett-mathiasmathias-family> or in Garrett's honor to a few of the many non-profits that helped Garrett along the way: [The Little AI Foundation](#), [The Pink Tractor Foundation](#) and the [University of Iowa Dance Marathon](#).

We are so grateful to the many doctors, nurses, child life specialists, musicians, art therapists, and volunteers that worked tirelessly to cure Garrett of his cancer. The reality for Garrett and so many other children is paediatric cancer is an ugly, nasty beast that leaves a path of destruction. For Garrett and many others before him – cancer kills. Those that are 'lucky' enough to survive endure long term debilitating side effects and the constant fear of relapse. We will fight for a cure until no other kids are robbed of their childhood, no other siblings lose their best friends, and no other parents have to bury their babies.

Garrett endured nine months of hell before he lost his battle with cancer. During that time he never lost his sense of humor and loved to tease the doctors and nurses. From whoopy cushions and sneaking clothes pins on their clothes to 'hazing' the interns and new staff doctors, he was forever a prankster. Nothing caught people off guard as his response to 'see ya later alligator':

See ya later, suckas! - The Great Garrett Underpants.



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