

Obituary Templates from Legacy.com

A basic obituary:

Full Name (Year Born–Year Died)

[Deceased's Full Name], [age], of [city, state], died [where/of what] on [date].

[He/She/They] [was/were] born in [city] in [year of birth] to [parents' names], and [insert a childhood detail here]. [First Name] attended [school(s)] before ["studying (major) at (university name)," "going to work at (workplace name)," "joining (military branch)," etc.].

[First Name] was preceded in death by [name(s)/family members], and is survived by [name(s)/family members].

[1st service name/type] is [date of service #1] at [location of service #1], and the [2nd service name/type] is [date of service #2] at [location of service #2]. Donations to [charity name] would be greatly appreciated.

A 'Life Story' Obituary

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[A sentence or two that briefly relates a memorable or colorful event in your loved one's life, or that sums up what they were most known for.] [Deceased's Full Name], [age], of [city, state], died [where/of what] on [date].

[He/She/They] [was/were] born in [city] in [year of birth] to [parents' names], who [insert what your loved one remembered most about their parents and/or interactions with them]. [Insert a few childhood memories here; they could be about school, childhood friends, vacations, hardships, etc.].

[Pronoun/Name] attended [middle/high school] before ["studying (major) at (university name)," "going to work at (workplace name)," "joining (military branch)," etc.]. [Elaborate on why this was important to them, or how it impacted their life]

ADD A PARAGRAPH FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DETAILS YOU MAY WISH TO HIGHLIGHT:

SPOUSE – [First name] met the love of their life, [spouse's name] in [year] [at/while] [location/event]. [Insert a funny or heart-warming story of their early relationship.] Excited to start their new lives together, the two were married [date/location].

CHILDREN – [First name] and [partner's first name] couldn't wait to start a family of their own, and their children meant the world to them. [Insert children's names and/or happy family memories]

GRANDCHILDREN – Though [he/she/they] loved [activity], [activity], and [activity], [First Name]'s favorite role was that as a grandparent. [He/she/they] treasured their time with their grandkids and loved being their [grandparent nickname], never failing to [tradition/habit] or [tradition/habit]. [Insert a favorite story here.]

PETS – [First name] had a soft spot for their furry friends, treating each and every one like the valuable family member they were. [Insert story about a beloved pet here.]

FRIENDS – [First name] and [her/his/their] friends were practically inseparable throughout their lives. From [activity/memory] to [activity/memory], they were together through it all. [Include another favorite story or two here.]

JOB – [First name] was passionate about [her/his/their role] as [job title] at [company name]. Working for the company for [# of years], [insert memory here].

CHURCH/COMMUNITY GROUP – [First name] was an active member of [church/group name], devoting their time and energy to [organization goal].

HOBBIES – Everyone who knew [first name] knew how much [she/he/they] loved [hobby]. [Insert favorite story about hobby here.]

[First name] will always be remembered for [her/his/their] [specific quality] and the way that they [always did something specific]. We'll always imagine hearing them say "[catchphrase they're most known for]" one more time. We couldn't have asked for a better [parent/grandparent/sibling/etc.], and will miss [first name] every day. [Her/his/their] memory will live on in the hearts of all those who loved [her/him/them].

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A Self-Written Obituary:

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I could have let my family write my obituary after I was gone, but there were some things I wanted to be sure and say in my own words. So here goes.

[A few sentences or more about your origins – hometown, parents, childhood]

[A few sentences or more about the good times you've had with the people you care about most]

[A few sentences or more about the things in life you are passionate about, whether that's sports or food or art or travel or your pets or social causes or anything else]

When you remember me, I hope what you'll think of is [how you want to be remembered, and/or a quote from a favorite song/movie/bible verse/etc. that means something important to you, and/or a charity you'd like people to support].