



Memorial Services, Celebration of Life, and Funerals

A PLANNING GUIDE

DEAR LIFEQUEST FAMILY AND FRIENDS. . .

LifeQuest Church serves our faith community in several ways, not the least of which is care before, during, and after the loss of a loved one. We hope this information will provide you with a path to guide you during this significant time.

The inherent belief in the risen Christ is the cornerstone of a LifeQuest service (with a memorial service, celebration of life, or a funeral). Christ is our hope for eternal life and we offer this hope to the surviving family and friends that their beloved is now gone.

Planning a service can be a blessing to those in grief. A time to laugh and a time to cry as the stories are shared and retold. It is our pleasure to help you and your family during this period of loss.

For questions regarding planning a Memorial, Celebration of Life, or a Funeral please contact Breanna Pinion, Executive Assistant at 816-516-7202

Sincerely,

PASTOR CHRIS

Lead Pastor

LifeQuest Church

PLANNING THE SERVICE

BEFORE DEATH OCCURS

We will be happy to visit with you and provide a planning document. Once completed, a permanent file will be made, and your database record will reflect that you have pre-planned your service.

WHEN DEATH IS IMMINENT OR WHEN DEATH OCCURS

When a death is imminent our pastors are honored to come and pray with you. If there is time, please call Breanna Pinion, Executive Assistant. We will make every effort to have someone come to you.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF SERVICE

If you wish for one of our pastors to conduct the funeral for your loved one, please visit with him or her before you schedule.

To avoid personal and building conflicts the minister will contact the Executive Assistant to coordinate. Memorial, Celebration of Life and Funeral services are held in the Main Auditorium. For an intimate service, a funeral home and cemetery can also be used. Whatever the choice, we try hard to accommodate your wishes.

MUSIC

Music is an integral part of any worship service here at LifeQuest Church. So often music can speak volumes when we are unable to speak ourselves. There is great and wonderful church music available in the traditional or contemporary styles, secular music is appropriate as well. We have musicians and vocalists able to provide either. Your pastor will help you choose appropriate music for the service.

TYPE OF SERVICE

There are several types of services to consider:

- A traditional funeral or celebration of life (where the casket or urn is present), graveside to follow
- A memorial service (where there is no casket or urn)
- A graveside service only

Additionally, a visitation can be scheduled before the service on the service day or the evening before. Often, the family provides a video tribute. Contact our technology director for types of format that can be used. Receptions can be held in one of the hospitality rooms either before or after the service. See the Facility use Agreement for

associated costs. The family is responsible for refreshments for receptions or luncheons.

MAKING SERVICE PLANS

Following the selection of the date, time, place and type of service the minister will arrange to gather the family and learn the stories. This meeting can either be at the family home or at the church. This will be a time to select favorite scripture and discuss musical choices as well.

The pastor will handle all logistics. They will visit the family and often the funeral home to make sure all details are covered. LifeQuest contacts the musicians and soloists, as well as the custodial services and sound technician necessary to present a proper and fitting tribute.

FEES

There are no fees for funerals, celebrations of life, or memorials; however, a donation to the pastor/s who are performing the service is greatly appreciated.

If outside musicians or vocalists are invited, the family will be financially responsible for those participants.

Additional Fees for Personnel:

- Audio/Music Technician \$100.00
- Lighting Technician \$100.00
- Facility Usage \$100.00
- Custodial Fee \$100.00

FLOWERS

Floral offerings are a wonderful way to pay tribute to a loved one. The beautiful plants and blooms honor God's creation of life. Removal of the arrangements is the responsibility of the family or the funeral home within 24 hours after the service.

SCRIPTURE

Scripture is another way to enhance the memorial service, celebration of life or memorial experience. We encourage you to make your personal favorites known to your pastor. Below are some suggestions; however, you can use your favorite verses.

- **Psalm 16: 9, 11**
Therefore, my heart is glad
- **Psalm 23**
The Lord is my shepherd
- **Psalm 130**
Out of the depths I cry to the Lord
- **Isaiah 40: 28-31**

- Do you not know?
- **Ecclesiastes 3: 1-15**
There is a time for everything
 - **Matthew 5: 1-12**
The Beatitudes
 - **Matthew 18: 3-4, 10, 14**
I tell you the truth
 - **Matthew 19:14**
Let the little children come to me
 - **Matthew 25: 42-45**
I was hungry, I was thirsty
 - **John 3:16**
God so loved the world
 - **John 11:25**
- I am the resurrection and the life
 - **John 14: 1-4, 18-19, 25-27**
Do not let your hearts be troubled
 - **Romans 8: 31b-32, 35-39**
If God is for us
 - **1 Corinthians 13: 1-13**
If I speak in the tongues
 - **1 Corinthians 15: 51-57**
Listen, I tell you a mystery
 - **Revelation 21: 1-5**
Then I saw a new heaven

MEMORABILIA

Frequently, family members set up a memory table(s) in the entry area with photos, albums, awards or certificates of achievement, hobby examples or other personal items relating to their loved one. We provide the table(s) and cloth(s) for these displays.

FUNERAL HOME RESPONSIBILITIES

These are a few of the things you should rely on the funeral home to provide or give guidance:

- Casket or urn
- Cemetery choice — plot or niche space
- Flowers
- Processional to cemetery
- Visitation, if held at the funeral home
- Obituary in the local newspaper
- Guest book

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial gifts provide a meaningful way for individuals, families and groups to witness their thanksgiving for the life of a loved one. To give a gift in another's memory is a faithful expression of respect and love that goes beyond death. Your gift to the LifeQuest church's Memorial Fund will enable our church to provide special items or ministries that benefit our church.

The Finance Advisory Team will maintain a list of needs in the church which are not funded in the church budget and which would be very suitable as a memorial gift. Items for memorial gifts would include — but not be limited to — items of a durable nature which:

- enhance the worship of God
- enhance the spiritual growth for all ages
- enhance the fellowship of the church
- provide facility needs for ministry of our church
- support church and mission projects
- promote the mandates of the great commission and our church vision (Matthew 28:19-20)

ORDER OF SERVICE

This is a guide for a typical service at LifeQuest Church.

- Prelude
- Family entrance
- Greeting
- Prayer
- Music
- Reading of the Obituary
- Scripture
- Special Music
- Homily, offered by the officiating pastor
- Prayer
- Commendation
- Dismissal and Blessing
- Family Recessional

FUNERAL HOMES, CREMATION FACILITIES AND CEMETERIES

There are many excellent providers in the Kansas City metro area. The church does not endorse specific providers. This is a very personal service and we suggest you interview and consult to make your decision.

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