

Funeral Guide
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We at the Roseville and Mainesburg Parish feel honored to walk with you during this time of grief, being the embodiment of the loving presence of our Lord and Savior, before, during, and after the loss of a loved one. We would like to take a moment to provide you some basic information that you may need during this time.

Location:

Viewings/ Memorial Services/ Funerals can be held either in the church's sanctuary, a funeral home, or graveside. The decision of the site belongs to the family.

Clergy Support:

The pastor should be notified immediately about the death of a family member of Roseville or Mainesburg Churches. The notice should come from a family member, if possible.

The pastor is willing to be present for as little or as much of the arrangement process as possible. Some people like the clergy to be present at the funeral home when arrangements are made. Others prefer to meet with the clergy at a separate time.

If you wish for the pastor to conduct the funeral for your loved one, please call or visit with her before you schedule.

Services:

A funeral service is one where the body or remains of the deceased is present. In memorial service the body or remains are not present. In our United Methodist Tradition, "Service of Death and Resurrection" is appropriate for both types of service, as we gather together to face the reality of death and grief, and praise God for the life and faith of the deceased as we remember the promise of the resurrection.

Instrumental music and/ or congregational singing is appropriate during the Service of Death and Resurrection. We will try our very best to provide musicians if you so desire. The pastor can help you choose music for the service, if you so wish.

Video, picture, or displays of memorabilia that are important to the family are welcomed. Details about these displays can be discussed with the pastor.

Scripture:

Some scriptures that may be helpful in enhancing the funeral/ memorial service include:

Psalm 16:9, 11

Isaiah 40: 28-31

Matt 25: 42-45

Psalm 23

Ecc. 3: 1-15

John 14: 1-4, 18-19, 25-27

Psalm 130

Rev. 21: 1-5

1 Cor 15: 51-57

Isaiah 40: 1-8

Isaiah 55: 1-3

1 Cor 15: 1-11

Please let the pastor know if there are other personal favorites.

Hymns:

Some hymns that may be helpful in enhancing the funeral/ memorial service include:

A Mighty Fortress is Our God	Immortal, Invisible, God Always Wise
Abide with Me	In the Garden
Amazing Grace	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Be Thou My Vision	My Hope is Built
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	Nearer, My God, to Thee
For All the Saints	On Eagle's Wings
Great is Thy Faithfulness	The Strife is O'er
Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah	On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand
He Leadeth Me	Shall We Gather at the River
How Firm a Foundation	Sweet Hour of Prayer
How Great Thou Art	'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Hymn of Promise	Victory in Jesus

Please let the pastor know if your family has favorite hymns to include as part of the service.

Typical Service:

The order of worship in a typical service includes the following:

Prelude
Family Entrance
Greeting
Word of Grace
Prayer
Congregational Hymn or Music
Scripture
Homily
Prayer, offer with the Lord's Prayer
Dismissal and Blessing
Family Recessional

Viewing:

The viewing may take place the day before the funeral or the same day prior to the service.

Committal:

The committal service is a brief service held at the burial site.

If the committal is to be held at another time or if it is to be a private ceremony, it is appropriate for the pastor to be present and lead the committal. Please contact the pastor regarding dates and times.

Flowers:

Flower arrangements can be a beautiful way to honor a loved one. If there are arrangements that the family does not wish to take with them after the service, they can be left at the church for the following Sunday's service. After this service, we can deliver them to local nursing homes to bless others.

Memorial Gifts:

Memorial gifts can be a meaningful way for individuals, families, and groups to express their gratitude for a loved one. To give a gift in another's memory is a faithful expression of love that goes beyond death. Gifts to the church's memorial fund enable the church to benefit the church. We try our very best to provide memorial gifts in consultation with the family if at all possible.

Fees:

There is no fee for members of Roseville or Mainesburg Churches for the services of the pastor. However, an honorarium may be given to the pastor. This is at the discretion of the family. Funeral directors can give guidance in this matter.

Post-Funeral Meal:

A meal can be provided at the church if you so desire, as a gift from the church to your family during this time. If you would like to have such a time of fellowship and sharing of memories, please let the pastor know.

After the Service:

Following the funeral our love and care for you does not stop. We will contact you periodically to check in. We provide a special service around Christmas time specifically for those who have suffered loss the previous year. We also provide an intentional service to remember the Saints.