

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

*Precede casket and the stand at the head of the casket, wait for guests to be seated
Legion members form escort and render salute*

At the graveside the cap should be held in the right hand over the heart during the entire service

Military Honors

WELCOME

On behalf of the family I want to thank you for joining them for this solemn occasion. We are here to pay a tribute of respect to _____, our departed friend and comrade. When our country needed him/her _____ answered that call. As a brave and patriotic man he served faithfully with an abiding faith in God, his country, our _____, and our flag.

SCRIPTURE

(Psalm 46:1) “God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble”

OPENING PRAYER

Lord we thank you in the name of Christ for this gathering today to celebrate the life of _____. Please bless, comfort, encourage, and heal all those here today. Amen

EULOGY

Scripture

So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body (1 Cor 15:42-44)

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, ¹⁶that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words. (1 Thes 4:13-18)

Committal

Inasmuch as God in his sovereign will has called the soul of _____, we now commit his body to the earth from which it came, earth to earth, dust to dust.

Sprinkle dirt or flowers / Please feel free to come up and say goodbye

And we commit his soul into the hands of our heavenly Father and our blessed savior who said “I go to prepare a place for you”

The scriptures tell us of a future hope. “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place ⁴of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, ⁵and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁶He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” ⁷And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” (Rev 21:1-5)

CLOSING PRAYER

Please bow your heads and join me in a closing prayer

May the strength of God sustain us; may the power of God preserve us; may the hands of God protect us; may the way of God direct us; may the love of God go with us this day and forever. **Amen.**

This concludes this service. I want to thank all of you for your show of support for the family.

Announcement about reception?

Attend to family