

SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Memorial Service Instructions  
for**

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*First Name*                      *Middle*                      *Last Name*                      *Date of Birth*

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**About the Memorial Service Liturgy**

“The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The Liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that ‘neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.’

This joy, however, does not diminish the very real grief that we feel. The same love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

Because the memorial service is first and foremost an act of Christian worship, it is subject to the same standards as the weekly liturgies at Saint Mark’s. The clergy in charge will be the final authority for any special requests.

“The death of a member of the church should be reported as soon as possible to, and arrangements *for* the funeral should be made in consultation with, the Minister of the Congregation” (*The Book of Common Prayer*, page 490)

“Baptized Christians are properly buried from the church. The service should be held at a time when the congregation has the opportunity to be present” (*The Book of Common Prayer*, page 490)

The service shall be “The Burial of the Dead” from *The Book of Common Prayer*.

Circumstances permitting, I wish my Memorial Service to take place at:

\_\_\_\_\_ Church

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I request only the Burial Office to be read: \_\_\_\_\_

I request both the Burial Office combined with the Holy Eucharist for “A Celebration of Life”: \_\_\_\_\_

If possible, I would like to have the following Psalms and Lessons: (For suggestions, see *The Book of Common Prayer*, pp. 494-495)

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I would especially like the following hymns: \_\_\_\_\_

I would especially like the following music: \_\_\_\_\_

Instead of sending flowers, many prefer to make a more lasting memorial to their parish church.

If you so desire, please indicate where you would like to have such contributions made:

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I prefer to be:

Buried \_\_\_\_\_

Cremated \_\_\_\_\_

Before \_\_\_\_\_ or after \_\_\_\_\_ the Funeral

Disposal of Ashes \_\_\_\_\_

Location of cemetery lot deed, crypt deed, columbarium contract

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I have made arrangements to have certain parts or all of my body donated to: \_\_\_\_\_

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Funeral home to use: \_\_\_\_\_

Coffin specifications (circle)                      Least expensive                      Mid Range                      Elabo-  
rate

I do \_\_\_\_/do not \_\_\_\_ wish to have my coffin open at the funeral home.

I do \_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_do not wish to have a reception at Saint Mark's following the service.

Other information for my survivors: \_\_\_\_\_

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Completed on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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