



HARRIMAN

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Funeral Customary

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A Funeral is a service of Christian worship in which we give thanks to God for the hope of the resurrection and commend to God a deceased brother or sister. When a member of the congregation is near death, the pastor should be contacted as soon as possible. The pastor is eager to minister to the dying and to be with you, listen, pray, comfort, and mourn alongside you.

Full Name of the Deceased: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

Was this person a veteran? If so, which branch? _____

Will there be military honors at the funeral? _____

Name of Funeral Home: _____

Contact Person for the Family: _____ Phone Number: _____

Casket Burial or Cremation? (Please circle.)

Is there a favorite scripture of the deceased? _____

The following list are especially appropriate. The pastor will be happy to offer guidance.

Romans 8:14-19,34-35,37-39 (The glory that shall be revealed); 1 John 3:1-2 (We shall be like him)

Revelation 7:9-17 (God will wipe away every tear); Revelation 21:2-7 (Behold, I make all things new)

Psalms 23, 27, 106:1-5, 116; John 6:37-40 (All that the Father gives me will come to you);

John 10:11-16 (I am the good shepherd); John 11:21-27 (I am the resurrection and the life);

John 14:1-6 (In my Father's house are many rooms)

Music As a funeral is a service of Christian worship, Christian music is appropriate. Secular music can be enjoyed at the reception. The clergy can provide a list of suitable hymns.

Hymn or Christian song requests: _____

Please understand that soloists may not always be available and that the family will need to provide their fees directly, rather than through the church / pastor.

People Involved in the Service: Please list on the reverse of this sheet any the **pall bearers** and/or **readers**.

Eulogies are opportunities to remember the deceased and share stories. These are especially appropriate and encouraged at the reception. Should the family desire one or two eulogies at the service, these may be given prior to the beginning of the service. Because eulogists will likely be emotional, we ask that eulogists write out their eulogies and that each lasts no more than five minutes. Please list their names and contact information on the back.

Clergy Honorarium: While honorariums for the officiating pastors are a customary practice, they are not required and not traditionally accepted when the deceased was a member of the church.