



FUNERALS



Sample Funeral Service

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A SAMPLE FUNERAL ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Hymn

Scripture Reading

Prayer

Special Music

Sermon

Benediction

A SAMPLE DETAILED FUNERAL SERVICE

This order of service is for a funeral at the home, funeral home chapel, or a church. The minister must keep in mind that the funeral service affords an excellent opportunity for biblical instruction.

Prelude: The organist or pianist should play appropriate music. Hymns might include "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," "The Old Rugged Cross," "Beyond the Sunset," "Amazing Grace," "It Is Well With My Soul," and "Abide With Me." The minister should check with the family and see if the deceased had any favorite hymns that could be used at this point.

Hymn: Sung by choir, soloist, congregation, or selected group.

Scripture Reading: "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever" (Ps. 23).