

# Sample Obituaries

When someone passes away, a simple obituary is often placed in the local papers, or in papers outside the area by a funeral director. You can write a simple piece yourself in advance, using the sample below as a template, which can be distributed to the papers of your choice upon your death by a designated person, as part of the pre-planning process:

"I ask that John Smyth place my obituary in the following papers:

The Lincoln Register~Star, Lincoln Nebraska  
(Fax and Phone Numbers, or e-mail address)

The Cleveland Plain Dealer, Cleveland Ohio  
(Fax and Phone Number, or e-mail address)"

## *Sample Obituary 1*

On June 1, 2001, Bonnie Griffith passed away suddenly in Deep Bend, Oregon while on vacation. Mrs. Griffith was born in Tallahassee, Florida in 1936, where she graduated from Ordover High School in 1954. She went on to graduate from Oberlin College in 1958 with a BA in English Literature. Mrs. Griffith spent many years traveling the world as a free spirit, before settling down and marrying her husband Ralph in 1964. They settled in the Greene Mountains of New Hampshire, where she enjoyed hiking, skiing, and spending time with her family and friends. Mrs. Griffith worked for many years in the Keene Valley Public Library. Bonnie was beloved by all, and will be sorely missed by the community, and by her beloved horse, Lucille. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2001 at 4:00 PM at the Unitarian Hall in Keene.

The family invites all Bonnie's friends to come and celebrate her life with them, and requests that instead of flowers, a donation be made in her name to the ASPCA of Keene, New Hampshire.

## *Sample Obituary 2*

At 6:00 PM on June 28, a Memorial Service will be held at the Home of Dr. James Watson for his wife, Mrs. June Watson who passed away recently, at The Kittery, 478 Foxhall Court, Darien, Connecticut.

Mrs. Watson was born on December 24, 1938 in New Haven, Connecticut, and graduated from Vassar College in 1960. Mrs. Watson married Dr. James Watson, a widower with five children, in 1961, and together they went on to have two children of their own. June Watson passed away after a long illness on June 24 in her home, surrounded by family and friends.

Mrs. Watson is survived by her husband, Dr. James Watson, and seven children: Harry, Rebecca, John, Loren, Charles, Anton and Aster.

A simple service celebrating June Watson's life will be held in family Rose Garden, weather permitting, or in case of rain, in the adjoining Family Room. Music will be provided by Anton and Aster Watson, who will play the piano and the harp, and refreshments will be provided.

The service will be conducted by close family friend Reverend Patricia Wendell. All friends and family are welcome.

The family asks that a contribution be made in June Watson's name to the Darien, Connecticut Hospice in lieu of flowers.