

General Information

Name of Deceased	Age	Occupation
Hobbies/interests		
Clubs/Organizations/Affiliations		
Surviving Family:	Spouse	
Children	Grandchildren	
Parents	Brothers/sisters	
Relative in charge of arrangements		Telephone

_____ A **Funeral Mass** includes the presence of the earthly body or remains of the deceased. The prayer of the Church is to commend the soul of the loved one from this earth to God's eternal presence. As the body was a temple of the Holy Spirit and shared in the life of grace on earth, it is honored and revered in death as in life. Upon arriving at church, the Funeral director will lead the family to their traditional seating. The ministers will enter, leading the body to the front of the assembly. Once there, the body is blessed with holy water as a reminder of baptism and the coffin is covered with a funeral pall, symbolizing that the departed is now clothed in glory in God's presence. Family members or friends are encouraged to perform this gesture of clothing and affection.

_____ Family members or friends will perform this ritual. They are:

_____ In the absence of family members, please have the funeral director complete this task.

_____ A **symbol of Christian** life is the bible or a cross. Either of these symbols which have personal significance to the family and dearly departed may be carried in procession by a family member or friend and placed on the coffin following the placement of the pall.

_____ **Bible** to be placed by _____

_____ **Cross** to be placed by _____

_____ A **Funeral Mass** may be permitted in the presence of cremated remains. If this is your choice, a family member may carry the remains into church during the entrance procession.

_____ Place the cremains in church prior to the service.

_____ A family member will carry the remains in: _____

_____ The family does not wish the remains to be placed in church.

_____ A **Memorial Mass** usually refers to a celebration of one's life when there is no body or remains present. The previous choices do not apply, those that follow do.

Liturgy of the Word: In the Scriptures our God speaks to us in words of comfort, support, insight and understanding. You may select three Scriptures passages: one from the Old Testament (or from the Acts of the Apostles or Revelation during Eastertime), one from the New Testament, and one from the Gospels. You may also invite one or two persons to read the Old Testament and the New Testament reading. The Gospel reading is always reserved for an ordained minister, a priest or deacon. It is not appropriate to substitute other devotional or inspirational readings for the inspired Word of God. Readings are found in the booklet *Through Death to Life* that should be included in your packet of information. (Please return it to the office following the funeral).

First Reading:

Old Testament (*outside of Easter season*)

Acts or Revelation (*during Easter season*) _____

Reader: _____

Second Reading:

New Testament (*letter of Paul or John*) _____

Reader: _____

Gospel: (*to be read by the priest or deacon*)

Reading selection: _____

Presentation of the Gifts.

Members of the family or friends may bring forward the offering of the bread and wine, the elements consecrated during the Mass; they are:

1. _____ 2. _____

Remarks of Remembrance.

Following the prayer after Communion, a family member or friend, with the agreement of the family, may come forward to share some reflections, words of thanks, or read an inspirational poem. Please realize that diocesan policy limits this opportunity to only one person. To be most effective, it is recommended that the text be written prior to the liturgy and limited to five minutes at most.

Name _____ relationship _____