

How to Write an Obituary

An obituary can be as long or as short as you want it to be. A basic obituary should contain the following elements about the deceased:

- Full name
- Date of birth
- Date of death
- Age when died

It's also common to include:

- Where they lived
- Where they died
- Family members who died before them
- Surviving family members

Beyond these basics, you can decide if you want to provide more details about the person's life (personality, career, passions). Many find that a good obituary is not only laudatory but also makes honest observations about a person's aspirations and struggles in their lifetime.

You may also wish to include details about a funeral or memorial service, or whether people can make donations of flowers or funds.

It can be quite expensive to publish an obituary in the newspaper. Most funeral homes will publish an obituary for their client on their website. Once this is live, it's easy to post links to this page on social media or send a link to friends and family via text or email.

New online memorial sites, like Ever Loved and Forever Missed, can be an excellent way to keep an online presence online for as long as you wish.

See the following website for more information and examples of short and long obituaries to help get you started:

<https://www.betterplaceforests.com/blog/articles/short-obituary-examples-and-templates>

