

Writing an Obituary

At Boulger Funeral Home we are glad to assist you by writing an obituary and then having you review it. We will make any changes you wish. We realize that some people prefer to do this themselves. Here is a step by step guide on how we write an obituary. This can easily be used by anyone who wishes to write an obituary for the local newspaper.

In the first paragraph we include the following information:

- Name
- Age
- City, State of residence
- Date of Death
- Place of Death
- Surrounded by family, assisted by Hospice, etc.

In the second paragraph we include the following information:

- Date of birth
- Birthplace
- Parents' names
- Education (grade school, high school)
- Military service if applicable
- Which war or conflict they served in
- Where stationed if overseas
- Marriage/s
- Residential history

Next paragraph:

- Post High School Education
- Degrees Earned
- Licenses Held

Next paragraph:

- Work history and work affiliations

Next paragraph:

- Church membership and organizations within the church
- Civic Membership
- Fraternal Memberships
- Club Memberships

With all the above include any positions or offices the person may have held.

- Hobbies
- Other interests

Next paragraph:

- Survivors, include spouse of survivor in parenthesis, and city and state of residence
- Spouse
- Children
- Grandchildren
- Great-Grandchildren
- Great-Great-Grandchildren
- Parents
- Grandparents
- Brothers
- Sisters
- Nephews
- Nieces
- Cousins
- Friends
- List family that proceed him/her in death, usually spouse, parents, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers and sisters

Next paragraph:

- Service, include day, date, time and place of service (Name of officiant and their title)
- Visitation information including day, time and place of visitation(s)
- Vigil or Prayer Services being held (include day, time and place)
- Memorial Services held by others (include day, time and place)
- Place of burial or entombment

Next paragraph:

- Listing of any memorial funds that may have been established and for what cause(s) or organization(s)
- Mention of any people or groups you wish to publicly thank for care given to the deceased