
EXAMPLE PET FUNERAL CEREMONY

Situation

Purpose:

Music: Suggested: Robert Gass: *Go in beauty*, Mike Rowland: *The Fairy Ring (Part Four)*.

Prayers: Invocation, prayer of gratitude for the lost friend and asking that they will be blessed wherever they are, prayer for those grieving the loss of their precious friend, closing blessing.

Readings/reflections: Welcome, minister's address, silent reflection or brief testimony, poem, selection from: Clive Johnson: *Wait for me, still smiling*, Unknown: *A treasured friend, A special place*, Constance Jenkins: *Request from Rainbow Bridge*.

Optionally: reflection on the personality of the lost friend/brief testimonial.

Symbols/actions: Altar candle representing eternal light. Optionally: offering of a small gift of gratitude on the altar in front of a photograph of the friend who has passed on.

Poem:

Wait for me, still smiling by Clive Johnson

Some say we were silly to love each other so much,
But love's often silly for those who've not felt its steadfast clutch.
We were a great combination, friends for life, of that no doubt,
You brought me smiles and a tender touch,
I readied your home and made sure you didn't go without.
But now you've moved on to a place I know not where,
All I believe is that you're now in God's loving care.
So wait for me, still smiling, for when my days here our done,
We'll be together again forever, starting a brand new chapter of fun.

Prayer for a four-legged friend:

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Dear friend, you brought such joy. Your wagging tail, your eager eyes Reminded me what it is to be grateful and wanting to show unfettered affection. You were always loyal, rarely complaining, ever my companion. Now that you've passed on, your energy still moves me. And so I thank the One who gave you life for the friendship we shared. Thank you, Great Spirit, for breathing life into my precious friend. Thank you for the happy days we shared, for the joy she [he] gave. Take her [him] now from my [our] protection into Your precious care, Bless her [him] and protect her [him] from all further harm. May our spirits stay united, and the pleasures we've shared together never fade. May it be so.