

Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church
Memorial & Funeral Service Information

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***Memorial and funeral services at
Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church
are planned as a witness to the resurrection of a
living Christ.***

Rolling Hills can help families plan a service to celebrate the life of their loved one and recognize the promise of resurrection. The service typically includes scripture from the Old and New Testament, words of hope, prayers, family tributes and hymns/music.

Please contact the church to learn available days and times for a service (versus setting a day/time without our input). We strive to schedule the service at a time to ensure the least disruptions in the building with the optimal amount of staff available. We schedule memorial and funeral services Monday through Saturday.

We can provide worship bulletins (black ink on cream-colored paper). The funeral home provides memorial folders with a photo of the deceased person (if desired) and a guestbook. Flowers are ordered by the family or funeral home; we ask for the majority of flowers to be placed in the narthex or reception area with only a few arrangements in the worship space. Photos and/or video are also to be displayed in the narthex or reception area; we can provide a TV and DVD player if requested.

If memorial donations are directed to Rolling Hills, we will provide contribution envelopes for the service. Any donations collected will be recognized with a thank you and the family will be given a list of donors.

Rolling Hills' Columbarium is in between the Chapel and the Sanctuary. We can provide a committal service and scatter ashes in the Columbarium. In addition, we have a bronze plaque that lists the name of the deceased; the cost of the plaque is determined based on current market cost as we order them through a monument company.

Familiar and Comforting Hymns:

- Now Thank We All Our God
- Amazing Grace
- Here I am Lord
- Softly and Tenderly
- The Lord's Prayer
- Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
- Come Now Fount
- Love Divine All Love Excelling
- A Might Fortress
- For All the Saints
- The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Psalm 23)

Familiar and Comforting Scripture:

- Psalm 23 (The 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is my Shepherd...")
- Isaiah 40 ("as if on eagle's wings...run without tiring...")
- John 14 ("I will go and prepare a place for you...")
- Romans 8 ("neither death or life...will separate us from the love of God...")
- Psalm 121 ("My help comes from the Lord...")
- Ecclesiastes 3 ("For everything there is a season...")
- I Corinthians 13 ("love bears all things, believes all things..")
- I Timothy 4:10 ("our hope sets on the Living God...")

Service Leadership

All services are conducted by the pastors of Rolling Hills Presbyterian. One of the pastors will meet with the family to plan the service and arrange an order of worship based on the family's needs and requests. The possibility of a minister or pastor from another congregation to assist should be addressed with the pastoral staff. The minister does not charge a specific fee for a memorial, funeral or committal service.

Accompanist & Vocalists

We are able to provide an organist, either our church organist and if he is unavailable, we have guest organists and pianists we can contact. The organist's fee for a service is \$150.00. Vocalists are also available and the suggested amount is also \$150.00 per vocalist. *While we hope to accommodate musical requests, it is the discretion of the music director and pastor whether selections are appropriate.*

Receptions/Visitation

The Deacons of Rolling Hills provide receptions prior to or following the memorial service should the family request one. Coffee, punch, cookies and nuts are served in the Fireside Room. There is no charge for this service; it is a gift from our Deacon Board. If a family wishes to augment the reception with other types of food, we ask the family to incur that expense. We can also provide a funeral coordinator to assist with displaying pictures, flowers, greeting and directing guests to the register, etc. if the family chooses not to have funeral home personnel present at the service.

Sanctuary & Chapel

Some families request the sanctuary for a service; others request the Murphy Chapel, depending on the anticipated number of guests that will be attending. Our Chapel seats 70 persons comfortably with our sanctuary seating 300+ guests.

Type of Services

Funeral: The funeral service is a service where the body is present in either a casket or urn.

Memorial Service: The memorial service is a service where the body is not present. A memorial service may take place with days or weeks following a death.

Committal Service: The committal is a short service at the graveside or columbarium. It consists of brief scripture readings and prayer. Our preference is that the committal service occurs prior to the memorial service with a small gathering for close relatives and friends.

Other Fraternal, Civic or Military Rites: The worship service shall be complete in itself, and any fraternal, civic or military rites should be conducted separately. (*Book of Order, Directory for Worship*). We are able to provide a space (in our Ralston Fireside Room) prior to the memorial service for fraternal, civic or military rites.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.