

*Your little **helpful**  
book of Verses*



# Introduction

Finding the right words and style in which to commemorate the passing of a loved one does not always come easily.

The bereaved are usually anxious to convey their thoughts with dignity and solemnity and in terms that the departed would have approved of.

In the light of this, we're pleased to present this guide to writing bereavement notices.

As a further help, your funeral director or our team of trained experienced advisors are on hand at these difficult times to listen sympathetically to enquiries and to suggest appropriate wording where required.

## Writing bereavement & commemorative messages

Most bereaved like their messages to be personal yet simple, without being trite.

At the same time, they are concerned that they should display some originality and should relate especially to the departed loved one.

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# Bereavement Verse

## Verse 1

One night a man had a dream,  
I dreamed I was walking along the beach with god.  
Across the sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand;  
one belonged to me, and the other to the God.  
When the last scene of my life flashed before him,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was  
only one set of footprints. I also noticed that it happened  
at the very lowest and saddest times in my life.  
This really bothered me and I questioned God about it.  
"God, you said that once I decided to follow you,  
you'd walk with me all the way.  
But I have noticed that at the worst times in my life,  
there is only one set of footprints.  
How could you leave me when I needed you the most?"  
God replied "My precious, precious child,  
I love you and would never leave you.  
During your times of suffering and when you see only  
one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

## Verse 2

It broke our heart to lose you  
But you didn't go alone  
A part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.  
A million words won't bring you back,  
We know because we've tried,  
Neither will a million tears,  
We know because we've cried.  
With everything to live for,  
And so much love to share,  
Only God will know,  
Why he took you in His care.

## Verse 3

They say that hearts don't break, God  
But that's not always true,  
The day you took our Mum away,  
You broke our heart in two.  
Look around your garden Lord,  
She won't be hard to find,  
She has a face that's full of love,  
And a heart that's good and kind.  
Tell her that we love her,  
And when you see her smile,  
Put your arms around her Lord,  
And hold her for a while.

#### Verse 4

I lie awake at night when the world's asleep  
I take a walk down memory lane,  
With tears upon my cheek,  
No one sees my broken heart,  
That lies beneath the smile,  
No one knows the loneliness  
That's with me all the while,  
No matter how life changes,  
No matter what I do,  
A special place within my heart,  
Is always there with you.

#### Verse 5

When I'm on my own, Mum,  
I always think of you.  
Thoughts about the laughs we shared,  
And the things we used to do.  
We had so many happy times together, you and I.  
You can't replace that kind of love  
No matter how you try.  
These words alone cannot convey  
What I feel within my heart,  
But I know someday we'll meet again,  
And then we'll never part

#### Verse 6

When life was at its sweetest  
In the midst of happy days,  
With everything to live for,  
So much love to give,  
Only God will ever know,  
Why He called you to His care.  
As time goes on without you,  
As days grow into years  
They hold a million memories  
And a thousand silent tears.

#### Verse 7

No one sees the broken heart  
That lies behind the smile,  
No one knows the loneliness  
That's with us all the while.  
No matter how life changes,  
No matter what I do,  
A special place within my heart,  
Is always there for you.

### Verse 8

We don't ask for miracles  
But today just one would do,  
To leave the door wide open  
And see you walk right through.  
We would wrap our arms around you  
And kiss your smiling face  
For you were very special,  
Who no one can replace.

### Verse 9

Thank you for the happy childhood years,  
The laughter we shared outweighed the tears,  
We learned life's lessons in story and song,  
And if we follow your example we cannot go wrong.  
We hold you close within our hearts,  
And there you will remain,  
To walk beside us all life through,  
Until we meet again.

### Verse 10

There is always a face before me,  
A voice I would love to hear,  
A smile I will always remember,  
Of a brother I loved so dear.  
Deep in my heart lies a picture,  
More precious than silver or gold,  
It's a picture of my brother,  
Whose memory will never grow old.

### Verse 11

I sat by your bedside, holding your hand,  
I knew we had to part, But when I saw that you had gone,  
It really broke my heart.  
You can't come back, I know that's true,  
But one day my darling, I'll come to you.  
In life I loved you darling; in death I love you still.

### Verse 12

The happy times that we enjoyed,  
How sweet the memory still,  
But death has left a vacant place  
This world can never fill.  
Though your smile has gone forever,  
And your hand we cannot touch,  
We shall never lose sweet memories,  
Of you we loved so much.

### Verse 13

God saw you getting weary,  
And knew you needed rest,  
But He broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.  
No more pain, no more fears  
I'll always remember the happy times.

### Verse 14

You care me life, you gave me care.  
The ups and downs that we did share  
We didn't always see eye to eye  
Sometimes we'd laugh and sometimes we'd cry,  
But mum you always did your best  
And now you've gone to have your rest.

### Verse 15

Little did we know that morning  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.  
You left us peaceful memories,  
Your love is still our guide.  
And though we cannot see you,  
You are always by our side.  
Our family chain is broken  
And nothing seems the same.  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.

### Verse 16

Do not stand at my grave and weep.  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow.  
I am a diamond glint of snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awake in the morning hush,  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
of quiet birds in circling flight.  
I am the soft star shine at night.  
Do not stand by my grave and cry  
I am not there...  
I did not die.

### Verse 17

May the road  
rise up to meet you,  
May the wind  
be always at your back,  
May the sun shine  
warm upon your face,  
And the rains fall  
soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you  
in the palm of His hand.

### Verse 18

An angel in the book of life  
wrote down our baby's birth  
She whispered as she closed the book  
"Too beautiful for earth."

### Verse 19

We thought of you today  
But that is nothing new  
We thought of you yesterday  
And will tomorrow too  
We think of you in silence  
And make no outward show  
For what it meant to lose you  
Only those who love you know  
Remembering you is easy  
We do it every day  
Its the heartache of losing you  
That will never go away

### Verse 20

If tears could build a stairway  
and memories a lane  
I would walk right up to Heaven  
and bring you back again  
No farewell words were spoken  
No time to say goodbye  
You were gone before I knew it  
and only God knows why  
My heart still aches in sadness  
and secret tears will flow  
What it meant to love you -  
No one can ever know  
But now I know you want me  
to mourn for you no more  
To remember all the happy times  
life still has much in store  
Since you'll never be forgotten

I pledge to you today -  
A hallowed place within my heart  
is where you'll always stay

**Verse 21**

For many years the family chain  
Was closely linked together  
But oh, that chain is broken now  
The main link gone forever  
The sunshine of our happy home  
Must always clouded be  
But thou, O Lord has sent this cross  
We bear it all for thee

**Verse 22**

Two tired eyes are sleeping  
Two willing hands are still,  
the one who worked so hard for us,  
Is resting at God's will

**Verse 23**

God knew that you were weary,  
The hill is hard to climb  
So He put His arms around you  
And whispered "peace be thine"

**Verse 25**

The blow was hard, the shock severe,  
To part with one we loved so dear  
Our loss is great, we'll not complain  
But trust in God to meet again

**Verse 26**

No farewells were spoken  
No time to say goodbye  
You were gone before we knew  
And only God knows why

**Verse 27**

Ours is just a simple prayer  
God bless and keep you in His care

**Verse 28**

Sorry I didn't get to stay,  
To laugh and let you watch me play.  
I know you need me by your side,  
I'm sorry that I had to die.  
I'm gone but please look up and see,  
There's a beautiful God right next to me.  
God didn't take me because he was mad,  
God didn't take me to make you sad.  
But to give us both a chance to be,



A love so precious, can't you see?  
Up here no trouble do I see,  
And pretty Angels sing to me.  
The streets of gold where I play,  
You'll come to be with me some day.  
Until the day you join me here,  
I'll love you deeply and I'll be near.  
Each breeze you feel and stars you see,  
Brings love and kisses just from me.

## Personal Family

### Verse 1a

Forgive us today if we silently weep  
For the wife and mother we could not keep  
We miss you more than anyone knows  
As time goes by the emptiness grows  
The tears in our eyes we can wipe away  
But the ache in our hearts will always stay.

### Verse 2a

Those who have a Mother  
cherish her with care,  
For you never know the heartache,  
Till you see her vacant chair.

### Verse 3a

Mother: I held you in my arms Mum,  
I held you close to me  
God took you to a better place  
And left your love with me.

### Verse 4a

You felt so very lonely Mum,  
ever since Dad died  
But you can walk together now,  
forever side by side.

### Verse 5a

Now at rest Mam, free from pain  
you're with my Dad now  
together again

### Verse 6a

God made a wonderful mother,  
A mother who never grows old;  
He made her smile of the sunshine,  
And He moulded her heart of pure gold;

**Verse 7a**

In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,  
In her cheeks fair roses you see,  
God made a wonderful mother,  
And He gave that dear mother to me.

**Verse 8a**

You often said that we would miss you,  
How those words have proved you true.  
We lost the one and only Dad,  
Dear Dad, when we lost you.

**Verse 9a**

I never ask for miracles,  
But today just one would do,  
To see the front door open and  
See our Dad walk through.

**Verse 10a**

There's magic in a Mother's touch,  
and sunshine in her smile.  
There's love in everything she does  
to make our lives worthwhile.  
We can find both hope and courage  
just by looking in her eyes.  
Her laughter is a source of joy,  
her works are warm and wise.  
There is a kindness and compassion  
to be found in her embrace,  
and we see the light of heaven  
shining from a Mother's face.

**Verse 11a**

You can only have one mother  
Patient kind and true;  
No other friend in all the world,  
Will be the same to you.  
When other friends forsake you,  
To mother you will return,  
For all her loving kindness,  
She asks nothing in return.  
As we look upon her picture,  
Sweet memories we recall,  
Of a face so full of sunshine,  
And a smile for one and all.  
Sweet Jesus, take this message,  
To our dear mother up above;  
Tell her how we miss her,  
And give her all our love.

### Verse 12a

I have lost. Heaven has gained,  
The most wonderful Dad this world  
contained,  
There's just one thing makes me glad,  
God chose you to be my Dad.

### Verse 13a

Heavenly Father, hear my prayer,  
Guide my Dad with tender care,  
Love him in heaven as I did at home,  
The dearest father this world could hold.

### Verse 14a

I wish that I could see you Dad,  
For just a little while,  
I wish that I could hug you and  
see your lovely smile,  
But wishing gets me nowhere,  
And longing is in vain.  
So I will hold you in my heart.  
Until we meet again.

## Children

### Verse 1b

We only had you for a short while,  
We saw you cry and your little smile  
Tears we cry no one will know,  
Because in our hearts we loved you so,  
God came and saw you suffering,  
He did what he thought best,  
He took you in His loving arms  
And whispered come to rest.

### Verse 2b

You were a gift sent straight from Heaven.  
Given to us from God above.  
We didn't know how much you would teach us,  
About the meaning of true love...  
For true love sometimes means letting go  
of someone precious and dear.  
That is what we were forced to do...  
Although we wanted to keep you here!!!  
However, this is quite a selfish wish.  
One we know we should ignore...  
But, sweet (babies name), we truly do believe  
That God must have needed you more...

Perhaps to be an Angel now,  
Full of wisdom and love...  
Watching over those of us who love you,  
From the shining stars above.  
We miss you more than you can know.  
You will never be replaced...  
In our hearts and memories forever,  
Will be your sweet and innocent sleeping face.

### Verse 3b

This day will be a celebration  
of the short time you were here.  
You will always be remembered  
with great love and many tears.  
But to only feel pain and sorrow  
would not be fair to you.  
Your life meant so much more to us,  
more than words could say.  
You were here so briefly,  
I wonder if you knew  
all the ways you've touched  
our world and our hearts  
and everyone who knew you  
since the day God called you home.  
Now my child, you're an angel  
with your heavenly Father above,  
we see not only what we've lost  
but our capacity of love.  
There will always be a big void  
in our life and a hole in our  
hearts that will never heal.  
Our souls will grieve forever.  
Will we forget or stop loving you?  
No! Not now, not ever.  
As this day is upon us,  
oh, how our hearts still hurt.  
But even as I mourn your death,  
we will always celebrate your birth.  
It was the happiest day of our lives.

### Verse 4b

Teardrops are falling. We embrace this sad day.  
Our sweet little baby has just passed away.  
So perfect his spirit, so perfect his love,  
So perfect a gift from a Father above.

### Verse 5b

My Little Angel  
You've just walked on ahead of me  
And I've got to understand  
You must release the ones you love

And let go of their hand.  
I try and cope the best I can  
But I'm missing you so much  
If I could only see you  
And once more feel your touch.  
Yes, you've just walked on ahead of me  
Don't worry I'll be fine  
But now and then I swear I feel  
Your hand slip into mine

### Verse 6b

To the Child in my Heart  
O precious tiny sweet little one you will always be to me,  
so perfect, pure and innocent just as you were meant to be.  
We dreamed of you and of your life and all that it would be,  
we waited and longed for you to come and join our family.  
We never had the chance to play, to laugh to rock to wiggle,  
we long to hold you, touch you now and listen to you giggle.  
I will always be your mother, he'll always be your dad,  
you will always be our child, the child that we had.  
But now you're gone...but yet you're here,  
we'll sense you everywhere,  
you are our sorrow and our joy, there's love in every tear.  
Just know our love goes deep and strong,  
we'll forget you never.  
The child we had, but never had and yet we'll have forever.

### Verse 7b

A precious little flower sent from Heaven above  
God picked you from His garden,  
And showered you with love.  
Then suddenly He changed His mind,  
He's taken you to rest, because our sweet Angel  
He knew you were the best.

## Memoriam Verse

### Verse 1

Every day in some small way  
Memories of you come our way.  
Though absent, you are always near.  
Still missed, loved and always dear.

### Verse 2

In our hearts your memory lingers,  
Sweetly tender, fond and true,  
There is not a day, dear Mother (Father),  
That we do not think of you.

### Verse 3

Your life was a blessing  
your memory a treasure...  
You are loved beyond words  
and missed beyond measure...

### Verse 4

We miss you in so many ways,  
We miss the things you used to say,  
And when old times we do recall,  
It's then we miss you most of all.

### Verse 5

Remembering you on this day,  
Comforted by so many memories.

### Verse 6

A silent thought, a secret tear,  
Keeps your memory ever dear,  
God took you home, it was his will,  
But in our hearts, you live still.

### Verse 7

Your presence we miss,  
Your memory we treasure,  
Loving you always,  
Forgetting you never.

### Verse 8

A candle to remember, may it burn ever so bright  
As we look to the heavens on this very night.  
Beyond the stars, our dear (person's name) soars,  
Embraced by (her/his) Savior on heaven's shores.  
As the angels protect (her/him) and sing (her/his) sweet name  
we honor (her/his) life with the glow of this flame.  
So we light this candle for our (person's name) tonight  
as a symbol of our love and (her/his) eternal life.

### Verse 9

If I listen really close  
In the silence of the night  
I hear your voice to comfort me  
And say that you're all right  
But it's often hard to understand  
Why certain things must be  
And the reasons why they happen  
Are so often hard to see  
But I find comfort in the knowledge  
That God is always there  
To keep the one I loved so much  
Forever in His care

**Verse 10**

Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us every day,  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
Still loved, still missed and very dear.

**Verse 11**

We can't have old days back,  
when we were all together.  
But secret tears and loving thoughts  
will be with us forever.

**Verse 12**

When a loved one becomes a memory,  
that memory becomes a treasure.

**Verse 13**

In our hearts your memory lingers,  
Sweetly tender, fond and true,  
There is not a day, dear Mother (Father),  
That we do not think of you.

**Verse 14**

We hold a beautiful memory,  
One that will never grow old  
Of a kind and loving husband/dad  
Who was worth his weight in gold.

**Verse 15**

They say memories are golden, well, maybe that is true.  
I never wanted memories, I only wanted you.

**Verse 16**

There's a corner in our hearts, Mum  
You visit every day,  
It gives us this warm feeling,  
That you're never far away.

**Verse 17**

Age will not dim her loving face,  
Her sparkling eyes and happy face.  
She fell asleep and left me sad,  
I will never forget the Mother I had.

**Verse 18**

We never ask for miracles,  
but today just one would do,  
to see our front door open,  
And our dearest Mum walk through.

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