

IN MEMORIAM SERVICE

At this time, the Kiwanis members would like to pay their respects. I invite all Kiwanians present to join together around our departed friend.

Call To Worship

The Lord is good. His mercy endures forever. And His truth endures to all generations. This is the day that the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. For His Merciful Kindness is great toward us. Praise ye the Lord.

Reading (Ecclesiastes, Chapter III)

From Ecclesiastes, we learn:

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

A time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to be born, and a time to die.

RECOGNITION OF DECEASED

We gather here today as Kiwanians to demonstrate to the family and friends of **(Name)**, the deep respect and love which we all have had for a person who has shown to all who knew (him/her) an example of unselfish dedication, love, and devotion to family, community, (his/her) profession, to Kiwanis, and to (his/her) fellow human beings.

To **(Name)** (spouse/partner) and the rest of **(Name)** relatives, we extend our sympathy for their and our loss.

However, we call attention to the **Wisdom of Solomon (Chapter 3:1-5.)**

"The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them.

In the sight of the unwise, they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery.

And their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace.

For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality.

And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for Himself."

Each of us present and all who had the privilege of knowing **(Name)**, have our personal remembrances of (him/her).

(His/her) passing will leave a large gap in all our lives for many years to come. We will miss (his/her) kind, thoughtful, and considerate assistance in our activities. (He/she) will be missed by (spouse/partner's name) and (his/her) family. He/she will be missed by (his/her) community for (his/her) caring and dedication.

In some religions, the priest at a funeral service repeats three times the expression "may (his/her) memory be eternal." In a sense, a person is not gone if we continue to remember (him/her).

A quotation taken from a statement made by Angelo Patri in 1938, wisely says:

"In one sense, there is no death. The life of a soul on earth lasts beyond (his/her) departure. You will always feel that life touching yours, that voice speaking to you, that spirit looking out of other eyes, talking to you in the familiar things (he/she) touched, worked with, loved. (He/she) lives on in your life and in the lives of all others who knew (him/her)."

We know that (his/her) family and close friends will miss (him/her), but we want them to know that we appreciated (his/her) friendship and respected (him/her) and that we too will miss (him/her). Each of us, in accordance with his own faith, will pray for our fine departed colleague.

And, **(Name)**, we say to you

You have lived Kiwanis; your life symbolized what Kiwanis stands for, building better communities, touching the life of others.

We are reminded of the lines

"If you would sense the past, touch a stone.

If you would capture the moment, touch a rose.

If you would glimpse the Eternal, touch a life."

Your presence will always be felt, because you touched our lives.

For all that knew you, may your memory be eternal.