

INFORMATION FROM FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE DECEASED

In preparation for the Funeral Liturgy of your loved one and since you are acquainted with this person, please provide me with a typed narrative of the following information.

I will need this narrative within the *next few hours* in order to give me the time that is necessary to prepare this Liturgy in a very special way that is not anonymous, but more personal and appropriate for you and for the other survivors and friends. Your helpful knowledge is indispensable and I thank you in advance for it.

- What was the age of the deceased at the time of passing away?
- What were the cause of death and the length of time if caused by illness?
- Describe the kind of person, characteristics and personality that would best summarize this individual to anyone who may not have been acquainted.
- If this is a child/youth, describe this person's activities, relationship to parents, family members, teachers and friends.
- If this person is an adult, describe the work history, hobbies, and contributions to others that this person has made throughout a lifetime.
- If this is a married person, how long was this person married and were there previous marriages of either spouse?
- What are the names of all the children and indicate which ones, if any, are from the previous marriages of both spouses and which ones are from this marriage?
- Describe the highlights of this particular marriage, memories of life together of the person now deceased with the surviving or the previously deceased spouse.
- Describe the highlights of family life with children, especially family traditions, vacations and holiday gatherings.
- Describe the funniest incident or usual situation you remember most about the deceased that still brings a smile or laughter to you and others.
- Describe the deceased's faith life in God, Church, Prayer, Favorite Devotions or Spirituality, Mass and Sacraments, Religious practices at home, and Last Rites.
- Is there anything else that you would like Father to know or to mention about the deceased at the time of the homily?

Thank you again for taking the time to honor your loved one with memories close to your heart. May the Lord give you peace!

Father Richard,

Pastor of Good Shepherd Catholic Community