

HOSPICE MEMORIAL SERVICE

We are here to celebrate the lives of those who passed on to a higher expression of life this past year. Each person represented here by this gathering had a special purpose during his or her lifetime and they achieved that purpose well. They have now gone on to total peace and serenity. Let us celebrate each person for his or her gift to the world.

Was your loved one a protector, nurturer, benefactor? Were they loving, considerate, kind, loyal, courageous? Did they exude happiness, empathy, compassion, dedication, optimism, or enthusiasm?

What was the gift that your loved one gave to you and others? Every life that is lived gives us the privilege of growing by its very existence. Let's consider the life of your love one as a challenge to us. How will we live our lives from this day forward? Will the memory of our loved ones guide us to be more beautiful, more complete persons, who will we be more loving to every person we meet? The challenge, the joy and the experience are ours.

I'd like for each of you to think of your loved one standing in front of you now with a glorious smile and countenance. Now imagine your loved one holding a beautiful box wrapped in shimmery platinum/gold wrappings and a large glistening silvery bow. This box contains the special gift that your loved one gave to you and others. This gift never stops giving. It is eternal. As you think of this tremendous gift, let us celebrate with love and optimism about the future. Let us dedicate this holiday season to them.