

Obituary Writing Workshop

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SMART FUNERAL
PLANNING

BE SMART. PLAN AHEAD.

Dos and Don'ts

DO

Shoot for 800-1200 words

Maintain readers interest

Make it personal

Be honest/specific

Include a story

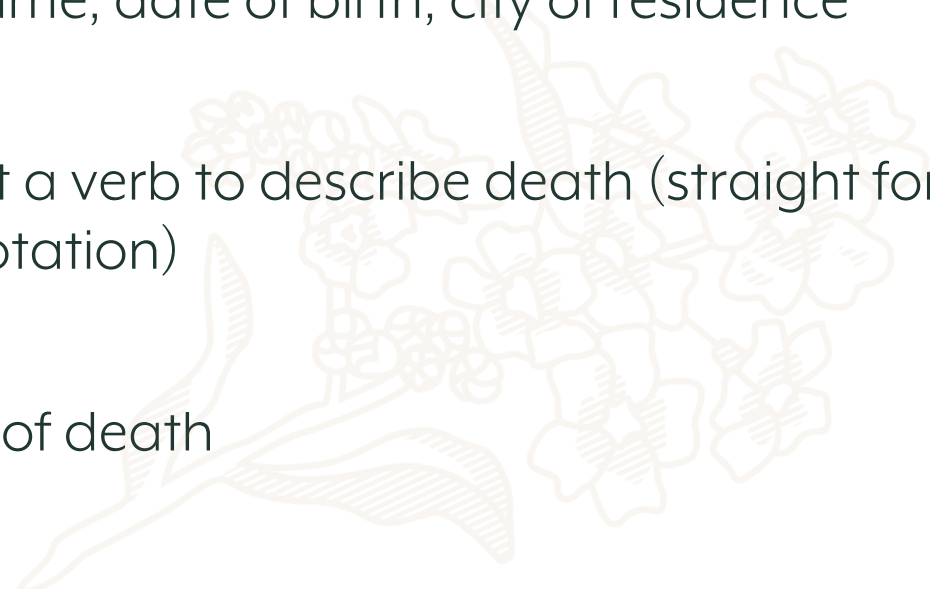
DON'T

Don't use overly long paragraphs
(hard to read online)

Don't rush! Take time with spelling
names and writing dates/times

Don't use copyrighted poetry or
lyrics

Elements of an Obituary – part 1

- ❖ WHO – Full name, date of birth, city of residence
 - ❖ WHAT – select a verb to describe death (straight forward or with religious connotation)
 - ❖ WHEN – Date of death
 - ❖ HOW – Cause of death/circumstances surrounding
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Elements of an Obituary – part 2

- ❖ LEGACY – Tell your story in the way YOU want to be remembered – this can include anything you associate with: flavors, smells, pets, passions, collections, hobbies, foods, people, places, etc
- ❖ FAMILY – Predeceased and/or survived by
- ❖ EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY/THANKS

Elements of an Obituary – part 3

- ❖ SERVICE DETAILS – Include day/time/location of all service details (visitation, funeral service, final burial/placement)
 - ❖ IN LIEU OF FLOWERS – donation instructions for those who wish to send something
 - ❖ GET CREATIVE! – this is just a basic idea ~ have fun!
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