

# Kern Valley Sun Obituary Outline

Use this outline to assist you in writing an obituary. The following headings are meant to serve as a general guideline for your consideration and may go in any order of your choosing.

## NAME/ANNOUNCEMENT

- Full name of the deceased, including nickname (if any)
- Age at death
- Resident city at time of death
- Date of death
- Place of death
- Cause of death

## LIFE

- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Parent names
- Sibling name(s)
- Childhood: stories, schools, friends
- Marriage(s): date and place, name of spouse(s)
- Education: elementary/high school, college/university and/or other
- Designations, awards and/or other recognitions
- Employment: jobs, activities, stories, colleagues, satisfactions, promotions, union activities
- Places of residence or travel
- Hobbies, sports, personal interests or activities and/or other enjoyment
- Charitable, religious, fraternal, political and/or other affiliations; positions held
- Other achievements
- Unique attributes, humor and/or other stories

## FAMILY

Survived by (with place of residence)

- Spouse
- Children (in order of birth and their spouses)
- Grandchildren
- Great-grandchildren
- Great-great-grandchildren
- Parents
- Grandparents
- Siblings (in order of date of birth)
- Others (nephews/nieces, cousins, in-laws, etc.)
- Friends
- Pets

Proceeded in death by (with place of residence)

- Spouse
- Children (in order of date of birth and their spouses)
- Grandchildren
- Siblings (in order of date of birth and their spouses)
- Others (nephews/nieces, cousins, in-laws, etc.)
- Pets (if appropriate)

## SERVICE

- Date, time and place
- Name of officiant, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers, other information
- Visitation information, if applicable: date, time, place
- Reception information, if applicable: date, time, place
- Other memorial, vigil or graveside services, if applicable: date, time, place
- Place of internment
- Name of funeral home in charge of arrangements
- Where to call for more information (even if there is no service planned)

## CONCLUSION

- Memorial funds established
- Memorial donation suggestions, including contact information
- Thank you to people, groups or institutions