

**624 MEMORIAL SERVICE
FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF Y'S MEN'S CLUBS**

PROCEDURES

1. Hold the service at the regular time of the club meeting as soon as possible after the funeral of the member.
2. Have only the members of the club and the Y's Menettes attend the service.
3. Organize the room for the service so that only the leader and participants in the service are at the front and provide a lecturn or podium for them. Other details, such as, candles, appropriate lighting, etc. can be left to the discretion of the organizers.
4. Have one member conduct the service but get assistance from other members to participate in the service, for example, one to read Psalm 23, one to read the Scriptures (or the leader can do this), and one to read Words in Memory of the deceased member.

Note: It seems more appropriate for us to use the phrase, Words in Memory, rather than the word, Eulogy.

5. Words in Memory of the deceased member could be approximately 1 1/2 to 2 typed pages in length. They should be typed to facilitate reading. Subsequently, a copy could be forwarded for printing in the Y's Canadian.
6. The duration of the period of silence should be a minimum of 30 seconds.

SERVICE

1. We assemble at this time to solemnly remember and to pay our respects to the life of our member, Y's _____, whose death we mourn, but whose spirit still lives.

May we, as members of the _____ Y's Men's Club of the International Association of Y's Men's Clubs be charged anew with the full sense of our duties and responsibilities to our Club, to our fellow members, and to our organization as set forth in our motto, "To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right".

2. Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

For thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

Thou anointest my head with oil;

My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

3. Prayer

Father of all, we pray to you for the member we love but see no longer. Grant him your peace. Let light perpetual shine upon him; and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in him the good purpose of your perfect will.

Grant, O Lord, to all of us who mourn, the spirit of faith and courage, that we may have the strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those we love.

Amen.

4. Scripture Reading

And I heard a voice from heaven saying,

"Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth".

"Blessed indeed," says the spirit, "that they may rest from their labours, for their deeds follow them!"

Revelation 14.13

5. Words in Memory

I ask that Y's _____ come forward and say a few words in memory of Y's _____.

6. Scripture Reading

Fear not, (sayeth the Lord) for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

Isaiah 41.10

7. Leader Says:

Would all please stand and bow your heads for a few moments of silence following which I will conclude with a prayer.

8. Prayer

Dear God, we thank you for Y's _____ who was so near and dear to us, and who now has been taken from us.

We thank you for the friendship that he gave and for the strength and peace that he brought.

We thank you for the love he offered and received while he was with us on earth.

We pray that nothing good in his life will be lost, but that it will be of benefit to our organization; that all that was important to him will be respected by those who follow; and that everything in which he was great will continue to mean much to us now that he no longer is with us.

We ask that we who were close to him may now, because of his death, may be even closer to each other, and that we may, in peace and friendship here on earth, always be deeply conscious of your promise to be faithful to us in death.

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We pray for each of the members of our Club, each of whom are

severely tested by this death, that we do not try to minimize this loss or seek refuge from it in words alone, and also that we do not brood over it so that it overwhelms us and isolates us from each other and our needs.

O God, grant, we beseech you, to the loved ones of our departed member, thy comfort, thy protection, and thy peace.

Amen.

