{Name} {died, passed away} {suddenly, after a brief illness, after a long battle with cancer} on {date} at age {years old}.

{firstName}’s nickname was {nickname}. {Explain how the person got the nickname}

{firstName} became more {description word} over the years.

{firstName} most admired {celebrityName} because {reason}. {Whom did the obituee admire or despise, and why?}

The event {or circumstance} that most shaped his/her outlook on life was {event}. It taught her that {lesson learned}.

{firstName} was the {role} of the family. (Supply a brief story to illustrate.)

{firstName} met his/her} {husband/wife/partner} {place}.

Some of her favorite phrases were {x}, {y}, and {z}. (Explain how these words and sayings reflected the person’s outlook on life.)

His/her motto was {motto}. (What philosophy or motto did the obituee live by?)

What kind of volunteer work did the obituee do?

In what ways did her appearance change over the years?

What color was the obituee’s hair when he or she was young? Describe its style—bouffant, crew cut, shag, etc.

Did he ever have a beard of moustache?

What did the person typically wear (be specific about colors, fabrics, or other material), and what did those choices say about him or her?

Describe how the obituee moved. How did she enter a room? What gestures were typical of her?

What was he like when annoyed, worried, or angry?

What do you remember about the way your obituee spoke?

What scents or smells do you associate with your obituee? Pipe smoke? Axle grease? AquaVelva? Hot boiled peanuts?

What textures do you associate with the obituee and the things around him?

What did your obituee like to eat and cook? Is there a family recipe that you associate with her?

Was your obituee tidy or disorganized?

Was your obituee a cat person or a dog person?

What object best encapsulates who the obituee was? It might be a watch or a piece of jewelry, an article of clothing, an item in her home, or something she always had with her.

What items were you likely to find in her handbag (or in his briefcase or pocket), and what do they say about her?

What did your obituee’s work mean to him or her?

What was his favorite way to spend free time?

What special talent or skill was he most proud of?

What did your obituee wish she had devoted less time to?

Was there something or somewhere your obituee dreamed of that she never had the chance to do, see, or become?

What hobbies did your obituee have, or what sports did he participate in? (Be specific!)

What kind of music did your obituee like, and why? Did he play an instrument?

What did the obituee collect? How was the collection displayed?

To remember {firstName}, we ask that you {donate to a local book, toy, or clothing drive)

{plant a tree in his/her honor}

{call or visit a friend, relative, or neighbor you’ve lost touch with}

{write down some stories about your life}.