**For Jean Chadwick:**

**A verse:**

To laugh often and much;  
to win the respect of the intelligent people  
and the affection of children;  
to earn the appreciation of honest critics  
and endure the betrayal of false friends;  
to appreciate beauty;  
to find the best in others;  
to leave the world a bit better  
whether by a healthy child,  
a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition;  
to know that one life has breathed easier  
because you lived here.  
This is to have succeeded

**or**

***She is Gone*** *You can shed tears that she is gone  
Or you can smile because she has lived  
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday  
You can remember her and only that she is gone  
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on  
You can cry and close your mind,  
be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what she would want:  
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.****David Harkins***

**A scriptural reading**  [if required]

Jesus said:

3“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
    for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
4Blessed are those who mourn,  
    for they will be comforted.  
5Blessed are the meek,  
    for they will inherit the earth.  
6Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
    for they will be filled.  
7Blessed are the merciful,  
    for they will be shown mercy.  
8Blessed are the pure in heart,  
    for they will see God.  
9Blessed are the peacemakers,  
    for they will be called children of God.  
10Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
    for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Prayers:**

Father in heaven,  
we thank you because you made us in your own image  
and gave us gifts in mind, body and spirit.  
We thank you now for Jean   
and what she meant to each of us.  
As we honour her memory,  
make us more aware that you are the one  
from whom comes every perfect gift,  
including the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

God our Father,  
we thank you that you have made each of us  
      in your own image,  
and given us gifts and talents with which to serve you.  
We thank you for Jean ,  
the years we shared with her,  
the good we saw in her,  
the love we received from her.  
Now give us strength and courage  
to leave her in your care,  
confident in your promise of eternal life  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Most merciful God,  
whose wisdom is beyond our understanding,  
surround our family with your love,  
that we may not be overwhelmed by loss,  
but have confidence in your goodness  
and strength to meet the days to come.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**At the committal of ashes:**

We have entrusted Jean to God’s merciful keeping  
and we now commit her ashes to the ground;  
in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life  
through our Lord Jesus Christ  
who died, was buried and rose again for us.   
To him be glory for ever and ever.  
**Amen**