

Suggested Content for Self Written Memorial Articles

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May I write a draft memorial for myself in advance?

Yes; we encourage you to do so. Send it to the address below. Prior to publication, your next of kin will receive a copy for approval.

This format is provided as a guide.

Preparing Memorial Articles can be a difficult task. Providing this information will assist your loved ones, friends and classmates with writing your final tribute.

Life before West Point:

- a. Date and place of birth.
- b. Family background—military connection and/or lifestyle that helped prepare you for West Point.
- c. High School—name, city and state.
- d. Prior College—name, city and state.
- e. Why did you want to attend West Point?

Cadet Life:

- a. Special achievements or incidents as a cadet that tell more about you as a person.
- b. What significant values, experiences or instruction were carried over to your life after graduation?

Active Duty Period:

- a. Branch.
- b. Assignments; if answer to c. below is yes, disregard.
- c. Is your Register information current and complete?
- d. Significant assignments and achievements.
- e. Date you left military service.
- f. Did you retire?
- g. Place of retirement.
- h. Rank at retirement; specify if active, guard or reserve.

Civilian Employment after Military Service:

- a. Career field.
- b. Post graduate schools attended, degrees attained.
- c. Position/s held—significant achievement/s.
- d. Date you left civilian employment.
- e. Did you retire?
- f. Current address—city and state.

Family Life:

- a. Date and place of marriage.
- b. Name of spouse.
- c. Name of children.

Life after Retirement:

- a. Interests, hobbies, pursuits and accomplishments.
- b. Reflection on your life—you as a person as you want to be remembered.

Additional source of information about you and your life.

- a. Family members.
- b. Classmates.
- c. Friends.

Additional Information:

Anything not covered above that you would like to share.

What about a photograph?

Each article is published with a photograph. Select one that represents how the you would prefer to be remembered. The photo must be clear and in good condition and will be returned after publication. If the photo you wish to use is of great sentimental value, we suggest that you have it scanned at high resolution by a vendor such as Kinko's and send the disk to us instead of the actual photograph. If a suitable photo cannot be found, your Howitzer (USMA yearbook) photograph may be used. Digital photos must be high resolution (300 dpi saved as a .jpg). Additional candid or formal photos reflecting military or similar service or defining interests may be submitted.

To whom do I send the article?

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