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Memorial Planner

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This Memorial Planner is designed to provide the information and help you'll need to remember your loved one in their hometown newspaper. We offer our sincere condolences.

Death Notice

\$49. Due by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

A Death Notice includes the deceased's name, date of birth and death, age and city of residence; name of (late) surviving spouse and children. If it is a recent death, name of funeral home can be included.

Obituary

Due by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

Sixteenth Page: \$139
115 words, 85 with photo.

Eighth Page: \$249
240 words, 210 with photo.

Quarter Page: \$359
530 words, 500 with photo.

An Obituary summarizes the life of someone who has died. It starts with the same death notice information and goes on to add details about the person's hometowns, jobs, family members, and

personal interests and activities.

The style of an obituary is straightforward, but it is not necessary to write in a formal style. You should feel free to add your own adjectives and adverbs ("beloved," "hard-working," "caring," "giving," etc.).

Symbols

You may choose to include one symbol at no charge. See symbols on back.

Contact Information

We accept obituaries by mail or in person at The Press 248 Oak St., Brentwood, CA 94513, by fax (925)634-1975, by email at obits@brentwoodpress.com or online at www.thepress.net/obituaries

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Examples

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Robert McKinzie, Sr.
May 1, 1936-Feb. 28, 2013

Longtime Brentwood resident Robert McKinzie, Sr. passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 28 in Antioch.

Bob is survived by his wife of 54 years, Joyce; sons, Robert, Jr. and his wife, Sheryl, Larry and his wife, Laura, and Jerry; as well as 10 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, three sisters and a brother.

Bob served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1957 to 1960. He loved hunting with his sons and friends. He will be greatly missed by all those who loved him. At his request, no service will be held.



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240 words, 210 with photo.

Jack H. Smethers

Oct. 26, 1955-Feb. 17, 20110

Beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle and friend, Jack passed away with loved ones by his side after a courageous year-long battle with cancer.



He was preceded in death by parents Jack and Pauline Smethers of Antioch. He is survived by his wife and friend of 24 years, Laura of Oakley; sons, Jack V. of Phoenix, Ariz., Jason G. of Oakley; Pfc. Jon B., serving in South Korea; his beloved granddaughter, Jyntry M., and her mother, Margaret Quintana of Oakley; sister, Judy Wadkins (John) of Antioch; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jack and Phyllis Gillespie of Portola; sister-in-law, Roberta Simmonds (Robert) of Antioch; brother-in-law, Michael Gillespie (Sheila Brummett) of Discovery Bay; two nieces and five nephews; aunt; cousins; lifelong friend Wayne Poindexter (Karen) of Antioch; and his many wonderful friends from around all his campfires.

A lifelong resident of East Contra Costa and graduate of Antioch High School, Jack retired from USS Possco after 35 years. A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, Feb. 26 at 11 a.m. at Family Worship Center, 161 Sand Creek Road in Brentwood.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the following organizations: American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter, 85 Second St., San Francisco, CA 94105.

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530 words, 500 with photo.

Carl B. Casey

Nov. 3, 1930-June 17, 2010

Carl B. Casey passed away June 17 following a courageous battle with lung cancer, surrounded by his loving family. Funeral services were held Tuesday.



Carl was born in Haskell, Texas, and came to California at the age of 5. He attended Brentwood schools and joined the Navy in 1950. He enlisted for four years and was stationed on Midway Island for the first two. Upon returning to San Diego for his final two years, he married Patricia Long, to whom he was married for 57 years. They were blessed with three children: Karen, Mike and Mark; and seven grandchildren: Matt, Nick, Natalie, Dante, Marinna, Courtney and Dylan.

In his younger days he had a passion for fast cars and fast boats. He built his first boat from scratch, in the garage at home, starting with a block of wood and two sawhorses. Carl always owned a boat ahead of his time. It had to be the fastest and have the best paint job.

This led to many years of summer vacations camping at lakes around California. Carl would begin at sunup and go to sundown towing water-skiers or teaching someone to ski, stopping only long enough to enjoy a "cold one." His love of cars led him to build several custom classics with his oldest son, Mike, and win many awards for his excellent work. This led to the opening of Casey's Auto body

in 1974.

As Carl aged, golf became his new-found hobby. He would play as much as possible with his family on Saturday morning and his friends on Tuesday. Carl was a great student of the game, from the books and videos to the personal lessons his youngest son Mark would give to him. He loved to stay on top of his game.

In 1987 he and Pat joined their daughter Karen in opening Casey's Travel, and his passion for travel was born. Carl B. also loved to travel in his motor home. He and Pat and the "motor home gang" would travel from coast to coast, playing golf at each stop along the way. They would spend the winter months in the desert of Arizona with many of their friends.

From playing golf in the mornings to washers in the afternoons to cocktail hour at five, Carl enjoyed every minute of the day. Although he enjoyed traveling, he loved to be at home, working in his yard and around the house. Carl never complained about being sick and continued to think he could do anything. Just last week, Pat found him in the garage trying to adjust the side door – a crowbar in one hand and his walker in the other. He fought a courageous battle and appreciated the support he received from family and friends. He will be deeply missed, but never forgotten.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Carl B. Casey Memorial Scholarship Fund at the ECC Bank, 740 First St. in Brentwood, account #80-6169738.

Symbols



Writing Guidelines

There are five parts of an obituary: announcement, biographical information, survivor information, scheduled ceremonies, and contributions.

1. Begin with the announcement. It should include who the person is, the date they died, and where they died. The cause of death is optional. Be short and concise. All this can be typically included in one sentence.

2. Write a short biographical piece about the person's life. This should include where and when the person was born, where they lived throughout

their life, notable awards and times in their life, important hobbies, where they went to school.

3. Include who the person is survived by. Include, in this order; immediate family members (spouse and children or parents and siblings step-children) and secondary family members (aunts, uncles, grandchildren, close cousins). You can include spouse names such as Mary (John), John (Anna), ...

4. Use given names for Relatives. Nicknames should be added in quotes, such as "Bud."

5. Deceased relatives should be listed last with the phrase the late...

6. Note where and when important ceremonies will take place, such as memorial services, grave-side burials, etc.

7. Tell people where they can make donations in remembrance of the person who has died. This is a very common practice in the United States and should always be noted so as to avoid an influx of calls to the bereaved family.

8. Remember, this is the main research tool for the family tree so try to include everyone.

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