

Planning a Memorial Service  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of  
Columbia, South Carolina  
The Rev. Jennie Barrington, Interim Minister  
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What is your full legal name:

What is your date of birth [month, day, year]:

What nicknames have you been known by in your life, and why:

Where were you born? Where did you grow up? What other places have you lived? Which of those places did you love, or dislike, and why?

What are your parents' names and places of birth and heritage?

List the names of your siblings, spouses, children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren, nieces or nephews:

What is your religious affiliation? Are you a veteran? Are you a sports fan? What teams? What groups, clubs, or other organizations have you been part of? What are your hobbies or other recreational activities?

What, to you, are the greatest accomplishments of your life? And what have you most loved doing? What regrets do you have? And what are some things you have strongly disliked, or struggled with?

What have your careers or vocations been?

What obstacles and challenges have you overcome in your life?

What has made you feel happiest and most alive?

What are your favorite pieces of writing: scripture, poetry, prose, song lyrics?  
Who have your favorite authors been?

What are your favorite pieces of music? Are there pieces of music that you strongly dislike that you do not want included in a commemoration of your life?

How would you sum up your character, spirit, or the ethical code by which you live?

Is there a certain place, or type of setting, where you would like your service to take place? Somewhere out-of-doors? In a church, or not in a church?

Are there people or animals you have loved and lost that you wish to name?

Are there threads or themes that have run through your life that you wish to name?

What do you believe happens to a person after they die?