



P.E.O.
Memorial
Services



INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. One of the following versions of the P.E.O. Memorial Service may be used as a memorial tribute to a deceased member before or following the chapter meeting or during Suggestions for the Good of the Chapter; as a part of the funeral for such member; or it may be adapted to any P.E.O. memorial program.*
- 2. If officers named cannot take part, other members may be appointed to act in their places.*
- 3. It shall be the duty of the president of the local chapter, upon receiving notice of death of a member, to ascertain from the family whether it is desired that the P.E.O. Memorial Service be used as part of the funeral. If so, the president shall consult with the funeral director, and if possible with the officiating clergy, to arrange the time during the funeral that the memorial service shall be given. She shall see that each member taking part in the service carries a yellow or white flower, preferably a marguerite. She also shall see that the guard, or another member, arrives at the funeral in time to inform those taking part in the service of their assigned places. If possible, members of the chapter should sit together.*
- 4. The chapter may provide a floral star for the service.*
- 5. The laws of the Sisterhood provide that the official emblem pin of a deceased member may be buried with her or retained by her family. Otherwise, the president shall secure the emblem and return it to the P.E.O. Supply Department.*

P.E.O. Memorial Service

*King James Version – includes Old and
New Testament verses (2022)*

PRESIDENT: Another member of our Sisterhood has passed through the sunset gates to Chapter Eternal. Today we pay loving tribute to the memory of _____ . We grieve because we shall have no more visible presence of her whom we loved, but we are grateful for our association with her, and for an abiding faith in the presence of our Lord.

VICE PRESIDENT: “Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you.” “...I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”

RECORDING SECRETARY: “...I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee.” “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

CHAPLAIN: “...the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.” “Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne...” “...the truth of the Lord endureth forever.” “Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord...they may rest from their labors.”

PRESIDENT: Jesus said: “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

VICE PRESIDENT: Jesus said, “I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.”

RECORDING SECRETARY: “There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon,” and the sweetness of loved ones. Renew Thy assurance to each of us that Thou hast prepared an immortal home for all those who love Thee. Gracious Lord, we know that Thou dost sustain us with Thy Holy Spirit to give us courage. Bestow Thy Holy Comfort upon each loved one. Unto God’s gracious mercy and protection we commit our sister, in the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

(If P.E.O. Memorial Service is being used at chapter meeting)

PRESIDENT: A single star sparkles new—set in Heaven.

(If P.E.O. Memorial Service is being used at funeral)

PRESIDENT: The fragile beauty of the flowers will perish, but the principles of Faith, Love, Purity, Justice and Truth abide forever. A single star sparkles new—set in Heaven.

(President places flower, which she has been holding, on the casket or in some other visible location, followed by the other officers, who also place flowers. All return to assigned places.)

P.E.O. Memorial Service

Interfaith Version (2022)

Adopted from: Opening Ode and P.E.O. Creed

PRESIDENT: Today we pay loving tribute to the memory of _____. Though we grieve, we are grateful for our association with her.

Chapter may insert readings appropriate for the sister.

VICE PRESIDENT: The fragile beauty of the flowers will perish, but the principles of Faith, Love, Purity, Justice and Truth abide forever.

RECORDING SECRETARY: We give thanks for the star and its message, its place in our lives and the life of _____. Life does not consist in the abundance of the material things we possess, rather in the abundance of things we are and do.

CHAPLAIN: We believe in the presence of our Sisterhood with its opportunities, in the future with hope, in the divine joy of living here and hereafter, in the enlarged and ever enlarging sphere of influence that is opening up before us each year.

PRESIDENT: We are sisters in heart and spirit. We believe in the sweetness and helpfulness of friendship and in the joy of serving others.

ALL: A single star sparkles new—set in Heaven.

PRESIDENT: *Closing from president's book**

PRESIDENT: *Adjournment*

**If conducted outside the chapter meeting, resume formal service or use an appropriate closing (i.e., music, verse, scripture reading, etc.).*

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includes Old Testament verses (2022)*

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VICE PRESIDENT: “God, your ways are holy. No god is as great as our God.” “The everlasting God is your place of safety, and his arms will hold you up forever.”

RECORDING SECRETARY: “I love you people with a love that will last forever. That is why I have continued showing you kindness.” “So know that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God. He will keep his agreement of love for a thousand lifetimes for people who love him and obey his commands.”

CHAPLAIN: “The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.” “Your kingdom is built on what is right and fair.” “The Lord loves us very much, and his truth is everlasting.” “Blessed are the dead who die from now on in the Lord, the Spirit says, ‘Yes, they will rest from their hard work, and the reward of all they have done stays with them.’”

PRESIDENT: “The Lord is my light and the one who saves me. So why should I fear anyone?”

VICE PRESIDENT: “Surely your goodness and love will be with me all my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.”

RECORDING SECRETARY: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord All-Powerful. His glory fills the whole earth.”
“My honor and salvation come from God. He is my mighty rock and my protection.”

CHAPLAIN: Let us pray. God, our Eternal Creator, You have blessed us with the wonders of life and the sweetness of loved ones. Renew Your assurance to each of us that You have prepared an immortal home for all those who love You. Gracious God, we know that You sustain us and give us courage. Bestow Your Holy Comfort upon each loved one. To God’s gracious mercy and protection, we commit our sister, in the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

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