



Funeral Poems, Readings & Quotations

Funeral readings help to express the feelings we are facing and are unable to put into words, and can be used to celebrate your loved one's life or provide comfort to grieving family and friends.

We have listed a number of traditional and contemporary poems, readings and quotes, and we hope that they provide you with some inspiration and solace.



General – Quotes

"There's a story behind everything. How a picture got on a wall. How a scar got on your face. Sometimes the stories are simple, and sometimes they are hard and heartbreaking. But behind all your stories is always your Mother's story, because hers is where yours begin."

MITCH ALBOM

"If there is ever a tomorrow when we're not together, there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. But the most important thing is, even if we're apart...I'll always be with you."

A.A. MILNE

*"A special person, a special face
A special someone we cannot replace."*

*"To hear your voice, to see you smile
To sit and talk to you a while
To be together in the same old way
Would be our greatest wish today"*

*"In our hearts you will always stay
Loved and remembered every day"*



*"May the winds of love blow softly"
"And whisper for you to hear
That we will love and remember you
And forever keep you near"*

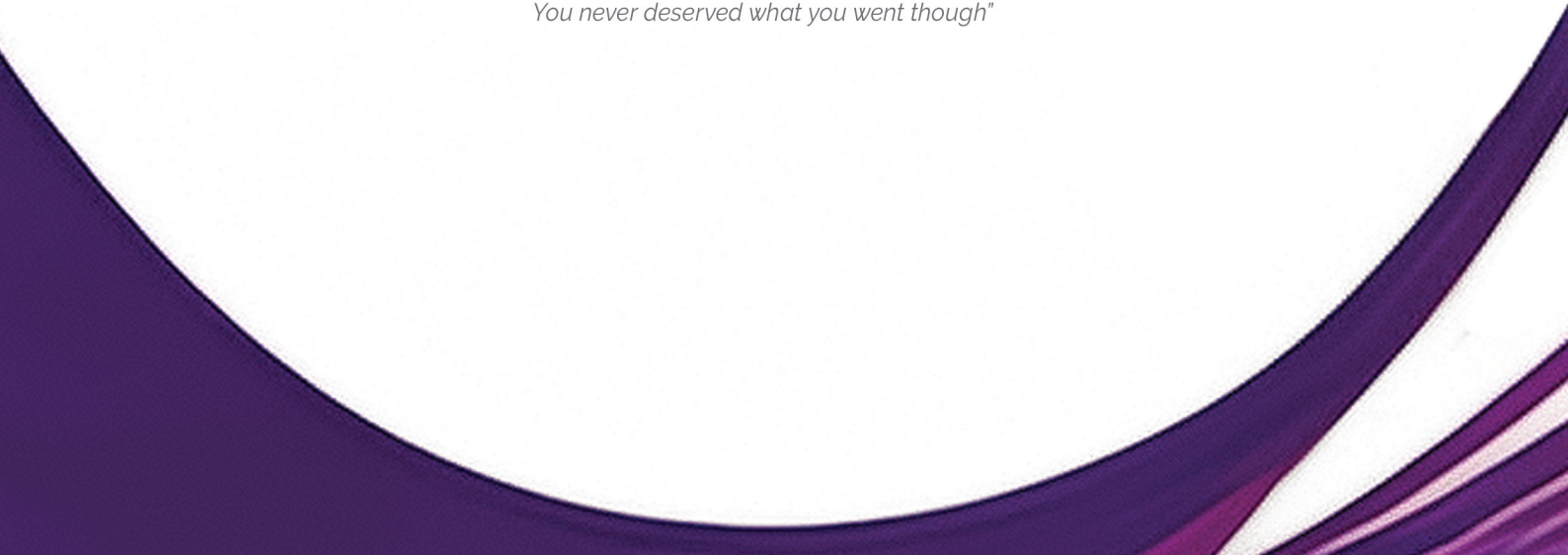
*"This day will be remembered and quietly kept
No words are needed, we will never forget"*

*"We didn't see you close your eyes
We didn't say goodbye
We were only told that you were gone
Without a last goodbye"*

*"To live in the hearts of those we love
is not to die"*

*"It's not what we write, it's not what we say
It's how we remember you in our own special way"*

*"Tired and weary you made no fuss
You tried so hard to stay with us
Your suffered so much and told so few
You never deserved what you went though"*





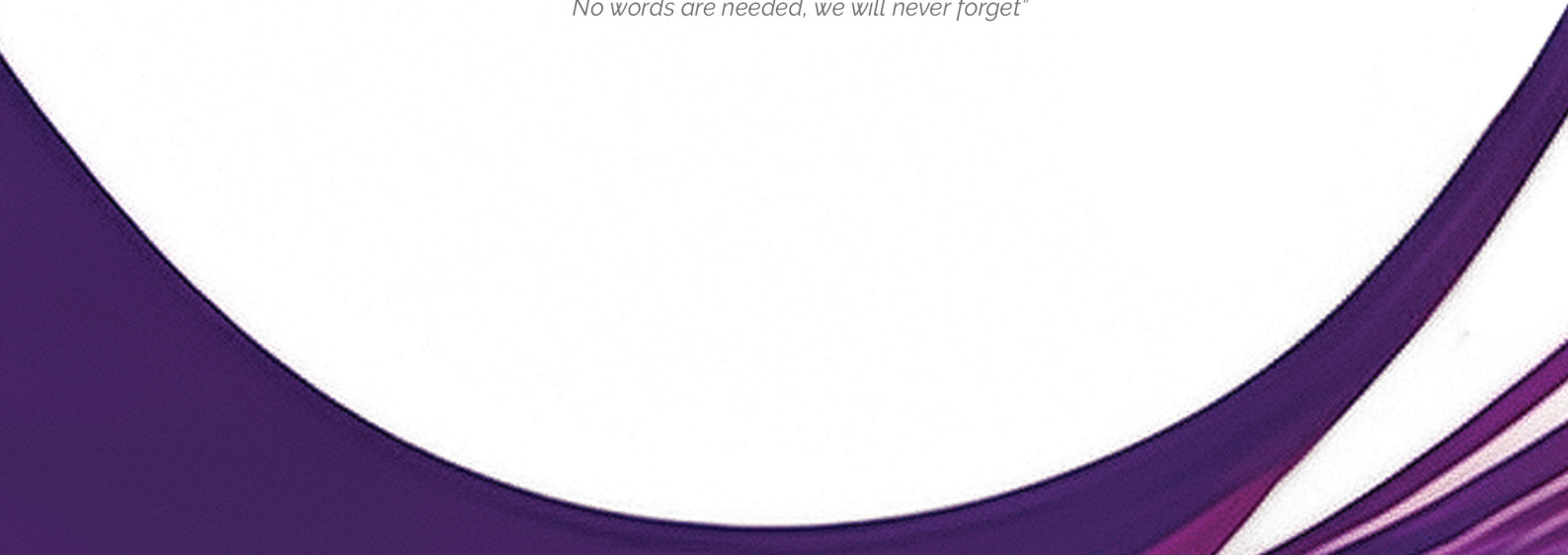
*"Though his/her smile has gone forever
And his/her hands we cannot touch
We shall never lose the memory
Of thewe loved so much"*

*"Weep not that he/she has gone, but smile
that he/she has been"*

*"A tender thought that brings a tear
A silent wish that you were here"*

*"To the world you were but one, to us you
were our world"*

*"With tears we saw you suffer
We watched you fade away
Our hearts were slowly breaking
As you fought so hard to stay
You did not want to leave us
But you did not go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home
No words are needed, we will never forget"*





Babies & Children – Poems & Readings

Little Snowdrop

Author Unknown

The world may never notice if a snowdrop doesn't bloom
Or even pause to wonder if the petals fall too soon
But every life that ever forms, or ever comes to be
Touches the world in some small way for all eternity

The little one we longed for, was swiftly here and gone
But the love that was then planted, is a light that still shines on
And though our arms are empty, our hearts know what to do
Every beating of our hearts says that we love you

To A Newborn Baby

Author Unknown

Just a bundle in a shawl
A newborn baby pink and small
You're a little miracle – something very wonderful
You, a weak and helpless mite
Have emerged into the light
And arrived upon the earth, through the secret gates of birth
In your prescence I feel shy, and I feel I'd like to cry
You're a mystery to me, straight from heaven you seem to be



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The Miracle of Love

Maureen Hawkins

Before you were conceived I wanted you
Before you were born I loved you
Before you were here an hour
I would have died for you
This is the miracle of love

Special Angel in Heaven

Author Unknown

There's a special Angel in Heaven
that is a part of me.
It is not where I wanted her
but where God wanted her to be.

She was here but just a moment
like a night time shooting star.
And though she is in Heaven
she isn't very far.

She touched the heart of many
like only an Angel can do.
I would've held her every minute
if the end I only knew.

So I send this special message
to the Heaven up above.
Please take care of my Angel
and send her all my love.





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Fly

Jean-Jacques Goldman / Phil Galdston

Fly, fly little wing
Fly beyond imagining
The softest cloud, the whitest dove Upon
the wind of heaven's love

Past the planets and the stars
Leave this lonely world of ours
Escape the sorrow and the pain
And fly again

Fly, fly precious one
Your endless journey has begun
Take your gentle happiness
Far too beautiful for this

Cross over to the other shore
There is peace forevermore
But hold this memory bittersweet
Until we meet



Fly, fly do not fear
Don't waste a breath, don't shed a tear
Your heart is pure, your soul is free
Be on your way, don't wait for me

Above the universe you'll climb
On beyond the hands of time
The moon will rise, the sun will set
But I won't forget

Fly, fly little wing
Fly where only angels sing
Fly away, the time is right
Go now, find the light





Heaven's Nursery

Author Unknown

In heaven there must surely be
A special place – a nursery
Where little spirits not fully grown
Go to live in their heavenly home



Too Soon

Mary Yarnall

This was a life that had hardly begun
No time to find your place in the sun
No time to do all you could have done
But we loved you enough for a lifetime

No time to enjoy the world and it's wealth
No time to take life down off the shelf
No time to sing the songs of yourself
Though you had enough love for a lifetime

Those who live long endure sadness and tears
But you'll never suffer the sorrowing years
No betrayal, no anger, no hatred, no fears
Just love - only love - in your lifetime.





Babies & Children – Quotes

“An angel in the book of life wrote down my baby's birth. Then whispered as she closed the book too beautiful for earth”

“Sweet little flower of heavenly birth, you were too fair to bloom on earth”

“A moment in our arms, a lifetime in our hearts”

“A life may last for just a moment, but memory can make that moment last forever”

“Each new life, no matter how fragile or brief, forever changes the world”

“A heart of gold stopped beating, two willing hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best”

“The mention of my child's name may bring tears to my eyes, but it never fails to bring music to my ears. If you are really my friend, let me hear the beautiful music of his/her name. It soothes my broken heart and sings to my soul”

“There is no footprint too small to leave an imprint on this world”



"No one can know how much I love you, because you are the only one who knows what my heart sounds like from the inside"

"We asked God for a baby, instead he gave us an Angel"

"A person's a person, no matter how small"

DR SEUSS

"Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones shines through to let us know they are with us"

"So little, so loved"

"I held you every second of your life"

STEPHANIE PAIGE COLE

"Some people believe in angels. I held one in my arms"

"Your tiny footprints forever embedded on our hearts"



General – Poems & Readings

I thought of You Today

Author Unknown

I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new
I thought about you yesterday and days before that too
I think of you in silence. I often speak your name
All I have are memories and your picture in a frame
Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part
God has you in His keeping I have you in my heart

A million times we've wanted you
A million times we cried
If love could only have saved you
you never would have died
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone
For a part of us went with you
the day God called you home

She Is Gone (He Is Gone)

David Harkins

She Is Gone (He 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



Miss Me But Let Me Go

Author Unknown

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little- but not too long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me-but let me go

For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone
It's all a part of the Master's plan
A step on the road to home

When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss me- but let me go

If Tomorrow Starts Without Me

Shortened version written by David Romano

When tomorrow starts without me
and I'm not here to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
filled with tears for me

I wish so much you wouldn't cry
the way you did today
While thinking of the many things
we didn't get to say

I know how much you love me
as much as I love you
And each time you think of me
I know you'll miss me too

When tomorrow starts without me
don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me
I'm right there in your heart





Afterglow

Helen Lowrie Marshall

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done
I'd like to leave and echo
whispering down the ways
Of happy times and laughing
times and bright and sunny days
I'd like the tears of those who
grieve, to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When life is done

Her Journey's Just Begun

E Brenneman



Don't think of her as gone away
Her journey's just begun
Life holds so many facets
This earth is only one

Just think of her as resting
From the sorrow and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years

Think how she must be wishing
That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness
can really pass away

And think of her as living
In the hearts of those she touched
For nothing loved is every lost
And she was loved so much.



Inside Our Dreams

Jeanne Willis

Where do people go to when they die?
Somewhere down below or in the sky?
'I can't be sure,' said Grandad, 'but it seems
They simply set up home inside our dreams

The way I feel

Author Unknown

They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time nor reason,
Will change the way I feel,

No-one knows the heartache,
That lies behind my smile,
No-one knows how many times,
I have broken down and cried,

I want to tell you something,
So there won't be any doubt,
You're so wonderful to think of,
But so hard to be without.





Where do they go to?

KevF

Where do they go to, the people who leave?
Are they around us, in the cool evening breeze?
Do they still hear us, and watch us each day?
I'd like you to think of them with us that way

Where do they go to, when no longer here?
I think that they stay with us, calming our fear
Loving us always, holding our hands
Walking beside us, on grass or on sand

Where do they go to, well it's my belief
They watch us and help us to cope with our grief
They comfort and stay with us, through each of our days
Guiding us always through life's mortal maze



Legacy of Love

Author Unknown

A wife, a mother, a grandma too
This is the legacy we have from you
You taught us love and how to fight
You gave us strength, you gave us might
A stronger person would be hard to find
And in your heart, you were always kind
You fought for us all in one way or another
Not just as a wife not just as a mother
For all of us you gave your best
Now the time has come for you to rest
So go in peace, you've earned your sleep
Your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep



Do Not Stand At My Grave And Weep

Mary Frye

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Epitaph on a Friend

Robert Burns

An honest man here lies at rest
The friend of man, the friend of truth
The friend of age, and guide of youth
Few hearts like his, with virtue warm'd
Few heads with knowledge so inform'd
If there's another world, he lives in bliss
If there is none, he made the best of this



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By Herself and Her Friends

Joyce Grenfell

If I should go before the rest of you
Break not a flower nor inscribe a stone,
Nor when I'm gone speak in a Sunday voice
But be the usual selves that I have known
Weep if you must, Parting is hell
But Life goes on, So sing as well

Poem for Nana

Sarah Vine



To my dearest darling Nana
Up in Heaven, high above
I know today you're with us all
And sending all your love

Today we all remember you
And bid you one last goodbye
Celebrate the life you've had
And maybe have a cry

You'll never be forgotten Nan
I'll just close my eyes and see
Your smiling face and feel your love
And you'll be close to me

You had such a long life
So many have so less
It was your time, the Angels came
And placed you with the best

So dear Nana, up above
Although your no longer here
In my heart is where I'll keep you
Forever, you'll be near

