

Nonreligious Obituary Template

A starting point, not a script. Replace every bracketed prompt and remove anything that does not fit.

The template

With sadness, we share that [full name] died on [date], aged [age].

[Name] valued [values] and found joy in [interests or relationships]. We will carry forward [a lesson, example, or memory].

[Family details]. [Confirmed gathering or private remembrance details].

Before you share

Check names, dates, relationships, and confirmed memorial arrangements. Share only details the family wants public. A cause of death is optional. Remove all prompts and fictional sample material from your final tribute.

This PDF is a printable reference, not an interactive form. To type a tribute, use the matching Word file or the website editor. You may personalize this original template for a genuine remembrance and share your completed tribute.

From an outline to a tribute

All people, dates, and circumstances on this page are fictional. Use the writing approach, not the sample facts.

A values-led remembrance

Alex Rivera, 62, of Minneapolis, died on May 20, 2025. Alex valued curiosity, fairness, and the pleasure of making something by hand. A bicycle mechanic and enthusiastic cook, Alex believed that a patient explanation could make a difficult task feel possible.

Alex is survived by a partner, Jordan, and a brother, Nico. The family will gather privately. Friends are invited to honor Alex's memory through an everyday act of kindness.

Why it works: The tribute communicates values through interests and a concrete memory.

A short secular announcement

Priya Shah, 71, of Columbus, died on October 1, 2025. Priya loved languages, puzzles, and exploring unfamiliar places. She is survived by her sister, Anika, and many close friends. Her curiosity and generous friendship will be remembered in a private gathering.

Why it works: The closing conveys affection without an afterlife statement.