

Obituary Template for a Spouse or Partner

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

The template

[Full name], my beloved [spouse or partner], died on [date], aged [age].

We shared [years or a meaningful chapter] together. I will always treasure [memory]. Beyond our life together, [name] loved [interests, friendships, or pursuits].

[Family details]. [Confirmed memorial arrangements or private remembrance wishes].

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 first-person tribute

My husband, Adrian Wells, died on March 18, 2025, at the age of 67. In our 31 years together, we built a life around good food, long walks, and the friends who became our family. I will remember his habit of leaving a note beside the kettle whenever he went out early.

Adrian loved ceramics and volunteered at a community garden. He is survived by me, his wife, Mira, and his brother, Paul. We will remember him in a private gathering.

Why it works: One everyday gesture communicates intimacy without disclosing sensitive history.

A third-person announcement

June Park, 64, of Seattle, died on February 7, 2025. June was a partner, architect, and dedicated amateur cellist who loved making space for people and music. June is survived by their partner, Ellis, and their sisters, Hana and Beth. Memorial arrangements will be shared at a later date.

Why it works: The relationship is included alongside the person's independent interests.