

Veteran & Military Obituary Template

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

The template

[Full name], [age], of [city], died on [date]. [Name] served in [verified branch] from [verified service years]. [Optional verified rank, assignments, or honors].

Outside military service, [name] enjoyed [interests] and was known for [specific qualities or memories].

[Family details]. [Confirmed memorial arrangements]. [Military honors only if confirmed with the provider].

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 verified-service style example

Arthur Lane, 88, of Richmond, died on January 12, 2025. Arthur served in the U.S. Navy from 1956 to 1960. He later worked as an electrician and enjoyed teaching his neighbors how to make small repairs safely.

Arthur loved sailing, crossword puzzles, and Sunday calls with his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Helen, and his daughter, Beth. His family will share memorial arrangements when they are confirmed.

Why it works: The fictional service dates illustrate placement; a real obituary must use verified details.

A short tribute without a service résumé

Morgan Price, 79, of Boise, died on March 5, 2025. A U.S. Army veteran and a dedicated community volunteer, Morgan valued friendship, practical kindness, and time outdoors. Morgan is survived by a partner, Drew, and a sister, Avery. The family will remember Morgan privately.

Why it works: A brief service reference leaves room for the rest of the person's life.