

The obituary: Most likely the last word written about someone's life.

At the Thomas L. Neilan & Sons Funeral Home we are glad to assist you by writing your obituary and then having you review it. Then we will make any changes you wish. We realize that some people prefer to do this themselves. Below we have included a sample obit for you to use as a guide. Please visit www.neilanfuneralhome.com to view other obituaries.

Please note that the newspapers charge for obituaries. The fees vary from newspaper to newspaper.

A picture may or may not be included with the obituary. Some families choose a recent picture, while others use a picture from an earlier time in the deceased's life when he or she was younger.

Sample Obit

John A Smith

ALLCITY -- John A. Smith, age 69, of any street, died July 2, 1997, at his home after a short illness.

Born August 4, 1936 in Taunton, MA, the son of George and Mary (Jones) Smith, he grew up and lived most of his working life in Sherborn, MA. He moved to Allcity in August, 1995. In 1967, along with his brother Calvin, he established a home mail order business baking and shipping gourmet sugar cookies. The family enterprise took its name, Hillhaven Oak Farms, Inc., from their Sherborn home of many years. Local residents joined the frenzied family on the sugar cookie team every holiday season as the house filled with shipping boxes and sugar cookie aroma pervaded the neighborhood. Under the philosophy of "Build a little, Bake a lot", the "Sugar Crispy" flourished and developed a nationwide customer base of sugar cookie fans. The next generation of Smiths has now taken over, but John's enthusiastic spirit continues.

Surviving are his son, John Smith, Jr. and wife, Nancy, of Allcity; daughter, Janice Smith Thomas and husband, George of Allcity, NY; and five grandchildren, Joseph Thomas, Matt Thomas, Lucy Thomas Medlin, Timothy Thomas and Tracey Thomas Kelty, all of Anytown.

The funeral services will be held at 11:00 am, Friday, July 10th at Allcity Memorial Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Anywhere, Connecticut 12345.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Allcity, Inc., 123 Main Street, Anywhere, Connecticut 12345.

Arrangements are by Thomas L. Neilan & Sons Funeral Home

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Announcement

This will list the date, location, and sometimes the cause of death. If you do not want your cause of death listed please be certain to note this.

Biographical Information

This will tell a little about the person's life, their accomplishments, military service, education, honors, hobbies, etc.

Survivor Information

This is basically a family tree. List your spouse, children, grandchildren, in-laws, and other close relatives you wish, and close friends.

Scheduled Ceremonies and Gatherings of Remembrance

This will give the time and location of any viewings, memorial services, scatterings or inurnments; or any other gathering you may choose.

Contributions or Flowers

Some families request that contributions be made to a meaningful organization instead of sending flowers.

Arrangements

This will help ease the burden of phone calls to the family. The firm can give the day, the time, directions, or any other needed information for scheduled ceremonies and gatherings, or contribution information to florists or friends.