



*Young Ladies' Institute
Memorial Service*

Adoption Date - June 2004

- At the Funeral Mass

The member appointed to lead the Memorial Service will approach the presider and make known that the deceased member's family has given permission for YLI to present a short service. Then the presider is asked when it would be appropriate for the service to be done.

Let all members present know when the Memorial Service will be done. Copies of the Memorial Service should be provided for members before the Funeral Mass begins. Members are asked to come to the altar when it is time for the Memorial Service. When the service is completed, members return to their seats.

- At the Committal Service

The member appointed to lead the Memorial Service will approach the presider and the funeral director and make known that the deceased member's family has given permission for YLI to present a short service. Then the presider is asked when it would be appropriate for the service to be done.

Let all members present know when the Memorial Service will be done. Copies of the Memorial Service should be provided for members before the Committal Service begins. Members are asked to step forward for the service. When the service is completed, members step back.

2. After the service (rosary, vigil service, Mass, or committal) is completed, a memorial card can be presented to the family.

Occasionally a member dies and the institute is not aware of the death until after the services are concluded. An institute may offer the Memorial Service during the meeting at the time the member's death is announced. A memorial card can also be presented to the family at the time the institute sends condolences.

Memorial Service

Leader: We, the members of *(Use Institute Name)*
_____ Institute come together to pray for the
soul of *(Use member's name)* _____ who has
been called to heaven by our loving Father.
(Include a brief YLI biography of member) _____

Let us pray together for our sister to our Lord Jesus Christ who said : "I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

All: Gracious is the Lord and just; yes, our God is merciful. Return, my soul, to your rest; the Lord has been good to you. For my soul has been freed from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I shall walk before the Lord in the land of the living. How can I repay the Lord for all his gifts to me? I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. A precious thing in the Lord's sight is the death of those who die faithful to him.
(Psalm 116: 5-9, 12-15)

Leader: We give _____ back to you, Lord, who gave her to us. We do not lose her since what is yours is also ours. Lord, you listen in love to your people; hear the prayers that we offer for our departed sister and your

servant. In life she loved you and strove to keep your word. May she be rewarded for her goodness.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon her.

Leader: Most loving Redeemer, Jesus Christ, hear our voices. You redeemed us with your most precious Body and Blood. May _____ who ate the bread of life be welcomed into your heavenly banquet.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon her.

Leader: O Lord, we ask you to deliver the soul of your faithful servant _____ from the bonds of sin. Forgive her sins and grant her an everlasting home in your kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Members return to their seats when the service is completed.

Do not go to the casket or visit the family at this time.

Memorial Service Guidelines

The Memorial Service is used by institute members to recognize the death of a sister member. Permission to say the Memorial Service must be granted by the family of the deceased member before an institute can give the service either at the rosary, vigil service, Mass, or committal.

1. When an institute receives notice that a member has died, the member appointed to contact families of deceased members will contact the family and offer normal condolences and make the request to give the Memorial Service at the appropriate service (rosary, vigil service, Mass, or committal).

- At the Rosary:

The member appointed to lead the Memorial Service will approach the leader of the Rosary and the funeral director and make known that the deceased member's family has given permission for YLI to present a short service. Confirm with the Rosary leader at what point the service should be done. It usually follows the Rosary. However, other organizations may also be presenting memorial services.

Copies of the service should be provided for members before the Rosary begins. Members are asked to come to the casket when it is time for the Memorial Service to begin. When the service is completed, members return to their seats.

- At the Vigil Service

The member appointed to lead the Memorial Service will approach the presider and make known that the deceased member's family has given permission for YLI to present a short service. Then the presider is asked when it would be appropriate for the service to be done.

Let all members present know when the Memorial Service will be done. Copies of the Memorial Service should be provided for members before the Vigil Service begins. Members are asked to come to the casket when it is time for the Memorial Service. When the service is completed, members return to their seats.