

Share your loved one's story

Placing an obituary doesn't have to be overwhelming. We offer this guide to help you organize your thoughts and create a lasting memorial.

Why place an obituary?

- Informs the community how to pay their respects
- Notifies distant family and friends, work associates, schoolmates and acquaintances about funeral services
- Memorializes a life in a lasting tribute and creates a permanent record of their legacy



How to write a tribute or in memoriam.

The memories of your loved one will help you convey their story. Start by gathering the most important facts and qualities that will help paint a portrait of the one you love.

Here are some suggestions:

- Name (will appear in bold, 2 lines high)
- Age, date, cause and place of death
- Date of birth, birthplace, parents' names
- Educational accomplishments, degrees earned, licenses held
- Career accomplishments, work history, affiliations
- Military service, where stationed, war or conflicts served in, honors
- Church membership, civic/fraternal/club memberships, positions/offices held
- Survivors: spouse, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, cousins, friends (include spouses of survivors in parenthesis as well as city and state of residence)
- Family members who preceded the deceased in death
- Day, time, location of service, burial, entombment, visitation, memorial services held by others, vigil or prayer services
- A list of memorial funds or charities that may have been established. If you desire contributions in lieu of flowers, include name and contact information
- People or groups you wish to thank for care given to the deceased
- Symbols that represent your loved one's interests or affiliations (Ask your Union-Tribune account representative about available icons).

To place an obituary, please go to:
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(select *In Remembrance*)
Email: **Obits@SDUnionTribune.com**

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Obituary options

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- **Traditional** — Create an obituary about your loved one by sharing their life story
- **Death Notice** — A note to the public containing three lines of information (placed by funeral homes)
- **In Memoriam** — A commemoration of the life of your loved one on the anniversary of their death, birthday, special holiday or significant occasion

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- Allows people anywhere to read about your loved one
- Includes a guest book, enabling friends, relatives and acquaintances to share thoughts and condolences with you and others
- Includes local spotlight on Legacy.com and online In Memoriam notice one year from date of death

VIDEO

- Included in obituary packages, a video tribute allows you to showcase photos and additional biography of your loved one to share with family or on social media (\$185 package not included)


Each loved one's life is a unique story...

Maria Gabriela Salazar
July 4, 1945 - April 12, 2021

IMPERIAL BEACH, CA — On April 12, 2021, Maria passed away in the comfort of the home she lived in for over 45 years, surrounded by her family. Maria was born in 1945 to Julio and Elena Estrada. She is survived by her children Gabriel and Susana, and six grandchildren. Also surviving are her siblings Marco, Elena, Luisa, and Jorge, and many nieces and nephews. Maria was the heart of our family, always looking out for others and lending a helping hand. She loved music and dancing, reading a good mystery, gardening and cooking. She never turned down an opportunity to be with her grandchildren. Whether going to a sporting event, a music or dance recital, she made each child feel special.

Our precious memories fill our hearts with love and gratitude, and we will miss her terribly. Funeral service will be at 11am Friday, April 23, 2021, at location site, location address, with interment immediately following at name of cemetery or mausoleum address, city, state, zip.

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Richard 'Rick' Willis
July 4, 1952 - August 8, 2021

SAN DIEGO — Rick Willis passed away at his home after a two-year battle with cancer. Rick was born in Madison, Wisconsin on July 4, 1952, the fourth son of six children born to Edith Johnson Willis and Robert Richard Willis. The family moved to San Diego in 1954, purchasing a home in the Azalea Park neighborhood. Not long after Rick graduated from high school, he joined the military. He served honorably in Vietnam and made it back home safe and sound, eager to continue his education under the GI Bill. After graduating from San Diego State University, he worked for the City of San Diego for many years until recently retiring. In retirement, he enjoyed working in his extensive vegetable garden, fishing at Lake Murray, and volunteering at the Boys & Girls Club, where he had spent much time as a youth. In addition to his brothers, Rick also had two younger sisters. They all grew up very close and remained that way their entire lives. They loved to sit around the table and reminisce about their childhood, telling many interesting and sometimes hilarious stories. Rick never married, but he was an uncle extraordinaire to his many nieces and nephews. What happened at Uncle Rick's, stayed at Uncle Rick's! If you knew Rick, you knew he had a wonderful sense of humor and was always entertaining others with stories and jokes. These traits never left him and were evident into his final days. He loved to fish, he loved all holidays, he loved playing a game of pick-up basketball, and most of all he loved his family and friends. Rick was predeceased by his parents and two brothers. He is survived by his other three siblings and their spouses, and many nieces, nephews and good friends, all of whom will miss his him terribly.

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Octavio Luna
January 10, 1957 - August 12, 2020

SAN DIEGO — A loving husband, father and grandfather, Octavio will be missed terribly by all who knew and loved him. His memory will live on in our hearts. Rest in peace, Papa.

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Low-cost obituary package

\$185

Chad Davis
Sep 13, 1952
Feb 18, 2021

In loving memory. An amazing father, grandfather, husband and person.

Age 68



Video obit

The San Diego Union-Tribune provides both a **low-cost** and **no-cost program** for qualifying families in need that wish to publish an obituary or life tribute. Apply at **SanDiegoUnionTribune.com/SpecialProgram**

Online only obituaries are now available at **PlaceAnAd.SanDiegoUnionTribune.com**

\$194

Publication & space reservation deadlines

Publication	Funeral notice
Monday	Submitted by Friday 3 p.m.
Tuesday	Submitted by Monday 10 a.m.
Wednesday	Submitted by Tuesday 10 a.m.
Thursday	Submitted by Wednesday 10 a.m.
Friday	Submitted by Thursday 10 a.m.
Saturday	Submitted by Friday 10 a.m.
Sunday	Submitted by Friday 3 p.m.

Options for submitting an obituary

Online — You may use the self-serve option at: **PlaceAnAd.SanDiegoUnionTribune.com** (select *In Remembrance*)

Email — Include your name, home address, contact phone numbers, date to publish and the name and phone number of the mortuary or crematorium that assisted the family. Please send photos in jpeg format. Send to **Obits@SDUnionTribune.com**