

Funeral Script

WE ARE ALL GATHERED HERE TODAY BECAUSE OF THE TRAGIC
DEATH OF

FROM THE MOMENT WE FIRST HEARD OF

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DEATH, OUR HEARTS BEGAN TO ACHE, AND A THOUSAND QUESTIONS CAME INTO OUR MINDS. WHY? WHY DID THIS HAPPEN? WHY WASN'T SOMEONE THERE TO STOP THIS? WHY DIDN'T WE SEE THIS COMING? WHY? WHY? WE MAY NEVER KNOW WHY. WE MAY NEVER KNOW WHY SOME PEOPLE MAKE THE CHOICES THAT THEY DO. I AM SURE THAT MANY OF US HERE TODAY MAY BE TEMPTED TO MAKE SOME OF THOSE SAME CHOICES. BUT WE STILL HAVE A CHOICE. WHAT WILL WE DO WITH THE CHOICES WE HAVE? TODAY WE COME HERE TO SHARE OUR SORROW. TO REMEMBER

AND TO FIND STRENGTH IN EACH OTHER, TO HELP EACH OTHER SIFT THROUGH OUR FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS. TO HELP EACH OTHER MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY DAY OF LIFE WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN ON THIS EARTH.

ONE OF THE MOST PRECIOUS GIFTS ANY PARENT CAN GIVE A CHILD IS THE GIFT OF FREEDOM. WE KNOW EVEN AS WE EXTEND THIS GIFT OF FREEDOM THAT WE ARE EXPOSING OUR CHILDREN TO DANGERS. YET WE CANNOT ALWAYS KEEP THEM SAFE, WE CANNOT ALWAYS MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES FOR THEM. WE MUST GIVE THEM THAT FREEDOM, BELIEVING THAT THEY WILL MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES. BUT WE LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE MAKE

WRONG CHOICES, AND DEATH IS THE RESULT. AND BECAUSE THERE IS DEATH, THERE ARE AMBULANCES, HOSPITALS, TEARS, FUNERALS, CEMETERIES AND BROKENHEARTS.

AND SO WE COME HERE TODAY TO LAY TO REST THE BODY OF

WE COME HERE TO REMEMBER A FRIEND, A SON/DAUGHTER.

BUT THIS IS ALSO A TIME TO LOOK AT OUR OWN LIFE. TO SEE HOW PRECIOUS LIFE IS. TO MAKE EACH DAY THAT WE HAVE ON THE FACE OF THIS EARTH COUNT, AND TO REACH OUT AND HELP THOSE AROUND US TO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES. MAY WE LIVE EACH DAY WITH THE STRENGTH TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONES LIFE. "POEM" "LET US TAKE A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO REMEMBER:

(Have grieving parent speak here. Then have children go by casket to pay their last respects).

(Have children take a seat again).

NOW YOU MAY BE WONDERING WHY WE HAD A MIRROR IN THE COFFIN AS YOU PASSED BY. THE MIRROR IS THERE TO SAY "DON'T LET THIS BE YOU! DON'T LET THIS BE WHAT YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS HAVE TO COME TO TERMS WITH."

"Choices, What are Yours?"