



# Minister's Class

Outlines  
Officiating Funerals,  
Obituaries, Order of  
Memorial Services,  
and Order of  
Funeral Services,  
Committal Service

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## Course Outline



Officiating Funerals, Pt 1, #13



Order of Funeral Service



Order of Memorial Service



Obituary Outline



Committal Service

**Introduction:** Today we will begin to discuss conducting or officiating funerals.

**I. Obituary Outline, Order of Funeral Service, Order of Memorial Service, Committal Outline.**

**II. Eulogy, Message, Words of Comfort:**

**A. According to W. E. Vine, our English word “eulogy” is from the Greek noun *eulogia* (εὐλογία, Strong’s 2129) lit., “good speaking, praise,”<sup>1</sup>**

**B. The verb form of the noun is *eulogeo* (εὐλογέω, Strong’s 2127), *legō* (λέγω), “to speak,” and *eu* (εὖ), “good, well.” The literal meaning is “to speak well of.”**

**1. Some people you cannot “eulogize” εὐλογεω [*eulogeō*] because you do not know them.**

**2. Some people you cannot “eulogize” εὐλογεω [*eulogeō*] because you do know them.**

**C. Words of Comfort can be given to the family and friends of the deceased.**

**D. A message can be given that will convict some and comfort others.**

**E. How to choose a topic and a text:**

**1. The favorite Scripture of the deceased – reasons you believe this particular Scripture was the favorite of the deceased.**

**2. The favorite song of the deceased – reasons you believe the song was the favorite of the deceased.**

**3. Scripture or Scriptures that the deceased practice.**

**4. Biblical characters that the deceased imitated.**

**5. The things you will remember about the deceased.**

**6. Some of the contributions the deceased made to the church, to society, to the community, etc.**

**7. Words of comfort from the Scriptures such as Psalm 23, etc.**

**8. Explain the three different kinds of deaths in the Bible.**

**9. The two destinations after death.**

**10. The way that seems right (Proverbs 14:12).**

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<sup>1</sup> W. E. Vine, Merrill F. Unger, and William White Jr., [\*Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words\*](#) (Nashville, TN: T. Nelson, 1996), 70.

**11. The place of no more's (Revelation 21).**

**12. How to go to heaven.**

**III. Visitations**

**A. Visitation the day before the funeral:**

- 1. The visitation time is usually from 3:00 P. M. to 7:00 P. M.**
- 2. Family Hour is usually from 6:00 P. M. to 7:00 P. M.**
- 3. Open with Scripture and prayer.**
- 4. Close with an announcement of the time and place of the funeral, prayer, and benediction.**
- 5. If remarks are made during the family hour, have the participants to state their name and their relationship to the deceased.**

**B. Visitation the day of the funeral:**

- 1. A processional is not necessary and is to be discouraged if the family is seated during the visitation.**
- 2. If the family arrives a few minutes before the start of the funeral, then a processional is appropriate.**

**IV. Procession**

**A. When there is a processional, have the congregation to stand and remain standing until the family is seated.**

**B. Some Scriptures that may be read or quoted during the processional: Job 11:7; 19:25-27; Psalm 23:1-6; 30:5; 90:1-12; 116:15; 1 Chronicles 29:15; Habakkuk 3:17-19; Isaiah 55:8-9; John 11:25-26; 14:1-6; Romans 11:33; Philippians 1:21-23; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58; 2 Corinthians 5:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 14:13; 21:4, 22-23.**

**V. Recessional**

**A. Ask the congregation to stand during the recessional.**

**B. The officiating minister will be in the front of the casket.**

**C. The same Scriptures that were quoted during the processional may also be quoted during the recessional.**

**VI. Committal Service**

**VII. Repast**

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**Order of Funeral Service**

**Musical Prelude**

**Viewing/Visitation**

**Prayer.....**

**Scripture.....**

**Or**

**Prayer and Scripture if both are done by the same person**

**Musical Selection.....**

**Acknowledgement of Cards and Condolences.....**

**Reading of Obituary.....**

**Remarks by Relative, Friend, Coworker or Neighbor – What will be remembered.....**

**Musical Selection.....**

**Eulogy or Message or Words of Comfort or Encouragement.....Pastor Julius R. Malone**

**Committal and Benediction..... Pastor Julius R. Malone**

**Funeral Director's Moment**

**Recessional**

**Interment or Burial or Entombment – Address**

**Place of Repast (Optional)**

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**Order of Memorial Service**

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**Musical Prelude...**

**Welcome/Acknowledgments..... Pastor Julius R. Malone**

**Prayer and Scripture... Old Testament and New Testament... (Pray and Scriptures may be done by the same person or different persons).**

**Musical Selection.....**

**Tributes or Remarks (Videos for those who cannot be present): Relative, Friend, Neighbor, Coworker.....**

**Reading of Obituary.....**

**Musical Selection.....**

**Message or Eulogy or Words of Comfort.....**

**Benediction.....**

**Repast.....**

## **Obituary Outline**

- I. Name, Date of Birth, Place of Birth, and Names of Parents of the Deceased**
- II. The Deceased Is the ----- Child Born to the Union of -----**
- III. Date and Place of the Salvation of the Deceased**
- IV. Church History of the Deceased**
- V. Date and Place of the Marriage of the Deceased and Children Born to the Union**
- VI. Educational History of the Deceased**
- VII. Work History of the Deceased**
- VIII. Some of the Things the Deceased Enjoyed Doing**
- IX. Some of the Contributions the Deceased Made to Society or to the Community**
- X. List Those Who Preceded the Deceased in Death Such As Mother, Father, Sibling, Etc.**
- XI. The Deceased Departed His or Her Body on (Date) to Go Home to Be with the Triune God and with a Host of Relatives and Friends in That Place of No More's On ---- (Date) (Luke 23:43; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23; Revelation 21:4).**
- XII. The Deceased Leaves to Cherish His or Her Memory: Children, Grandchildren, Siblings, Etc.**
- XIII. Some of the Things for Which the Deceased Will Be Remembered**

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## Committal Service

- I. **The Body Sleeps (Daniel 12:2; Luke 8:52-55; 23:46; John 11:11-12; Acts 7:60; 1 Corinthians 15:18; 1 Thessalonians 4:13).**
  - A. **Death is not annihilation but separation – death is a transition (Philippians 1:23, ἀναλύω (*analuō*); 2 Timothy 4:6, ἀνάλυσις (*analsis*)).**
  - B. **Three kinds of death in the Bible:**
    1. **Physical Death – separation of soul and spirit from the body (Luke 23:46; Acts 7:59-60).**
    2. **Spiritual Death – separation from God in trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1).**
    3. **Eternal Death or the Second Death – separation from God forever in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:6, 14).**
  - C. **There is life immediately after death (Luke 16:19-31; 23:42-43).**
- II. **The Soul and Spirit Do Not Sleep after Death (Matthew 17:1-13; Luke 16:19-31; 23:42-43; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Revelation 6:9-11).**
  - A. **The soul is the mind, emotions, and will.**
  - B. **The spirit is that part of us that communicates with God and is in the image of God Who is spirit (John 4:24).**
- III. **The Bible Teaches That There Is Life Immediately after Death (Luke 16:19-31; 23:42-43).**
- IV. **We Commit the Body to a Resting Place – Grave, Crypt, Sea, Cremation, etc. (Revelation 20:13-14).**
- V. **There Are Two Resurrection Separated by a Thousand Years (Revelation 20:5; Daniel 12:1-2; John 5:29; Acts 24:15).**
  - A. **The First Resurrection Involves Believers Only and Has Parts:**
    1. **Jesus the Firstfruits (1 Corinthians 15:23a),**
    2. **The Church at the Rapture – ἀρπάζω (*harpazō*) (1 Corinthians 15:23b; 1 Thessalonians 4:17),**
    3. **The Tribulation and Old Testament Saints (Revelation 20:4-6).**
  - B. **The Second Resurrection Involves Unbelievers Only (Revelation 20:5-6, 11-15).**
    1. **Everyone will be resurrected (Daniel 12:1-2; John 5:29; Acts 24:15).**
    2. **The question is, which Resurrection will you be in? (Revelation 20:5-6).**
- VI. **There Are Three Eschatological Judgments (Hebrews 9:27):**
  - A. **The sheep goat judgment to determine who will enter the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus Christ (Matthew 25).**
  - B. **The βῆμα (*bēma*) Judgment – “the judgment seat of Christ” to determine one’s reward in heaven (Romans 14:10; 2 Corinthians 5:10).**



**C. The Great White Throne Judgment – to determine one’s degree of punishment forever in hell or the lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15; cf. Amos 3:2; Matthew 11:20-24; Luke 12:47-48).**

**VII. Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26; cf. Leviticus 9:22; Luke 24:50; Genesis 48:14; Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17).**

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