

Pet Memorial

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We have come here today to honor and give thanks for a very special pet, **(pet's name.)**

This creature of God holds a very special place in the hearts of the people gathered together here today. **(pet's name)** made his transition **(date)** and we come here to mark his passing with a remembering of the gift he was and the gifts he brought into the lives he touched. You that have come here today to remember **(pet's name)** are here because each of your lives were no doubt made richer and fuller by having known this special furry loved one. Anyone who has had the honor of having a **(dog)** knows what it feels like to be trusted completely, forgiven immediately and loved unconditionally.

I would like to invite any of you that would feel comfortable doing so to share with us for a few moments whatever memories you would like to share.

Allow time for sharing-----

Thank you each for sharing your memories with us. I would like to give a rose to the family in memory of their beloved one. There are thorns on these roses and if touched they can cause pain. Yet it is not the thorn that comes to mind when you think of a rose. It is the beauty of the petals, it wonderful fragrance that stays in your mind. May the same be true of you when you remember **(pet's name.)** Though the loss of your pet has brought you grief and pain as sharp as any thorn so also will thinking of your pet bring memories as wonderful as any rose that ever grew.

God is love and God is life. We gathered here know that certainly **(pet's name.)** is an expressions of God's love and life. Though he is not here physically any longer, his essence, which is love will always be with you.

Let us pray

Blessed Mother/Father Creator of all,

We give grateful thanks for **(pet's name.)**

We give thanks that he came wagging his tail into the lives of his friends and family and by so doing made their lives richer and fuller.

We hold his memory lovingly in our hearts as we have released his physical form.

We give thanks for the lessons he taught so patiently and lovingly.

We are grateful for the time we were together in this life and know that the essence of **(pet's name.)** lives on, for his essence is love.

As we grieve his passing we celebrate his life.

We give thanks that he chose **(owner's name)** to be his people and in choosing them became an important member of their family. Being the people chosen by pet's name is a blessing that even now calls us to come up higher, to forgive more quickly, trust more easily, and love unconditionally.

Thank you God for your love so wonderfully expressed in the being of **(pet's name.)** In the name and after the nature of Jesus The Christ, we release our loved one into the care of a loving God Amen