

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Good morning and welcome. I wish to say up front that I have always shed tears for joy, sadness, and heart felt love. And, today as I stand here, if tears fall it is because of all three.

I thank you for filling this room with so much love and light for our mutual friend and loved one,\_. I'm sure their presence is here with us today filling this room and our hearts with joy in their recent graduation, a transition from this plain of existence to a greater one.

, is meeting a new experience on her pathway of continued life. We are here gathered today because the love in our hearts fills us with a desire to share in some way in this experience.

We will now sing the "Lord's Prayer"

"Behold, I make all things new." Rev. 21:5. God is revealing that Transition from the earth life to the next phase of life is a natural progression of the soul. Just as a parent provides food before the child is in need, just as a loving parent provides a home even before the child is born, so our loving father-Mother God has provided a garment, a new body for the soul at transition.

Paul tells us, "There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And as we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. For this corruptible must put on the incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:44, 49, 53, 54)

From the Sanskrit we are told,

"Never the spirit was born;

The spirit shall cease to be never;

Never was time it was not;

End and Beginning are dreams!

Birthless and deathless and changeless Remaineth the spirit for ever;

Death hath not touched it at all, Dead though the house of it seems!

Nay, but as when one layeth his worn-out robes away, and taking new ones, sayeth,

"These will I wear today!"

So putteth by the spirit lightly its garb of flesh,

And passeth to inherit a residence afresh.

Comments about the person's life followed with an invitation for others to share.

The following is a favorite prayer of hers,

“Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi”

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love,

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light; and

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much

Seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

At this time I would like us to take a few moments in silence to bring closure. We know their spirit can hear our thoughts and receive our love. If there is anything that needs to be healed, or something you wish you had said, this is the time to do so. Now release & say good bye.

Let us form a circle holding hands. Now fill your heart and mind with light and love. We send this love and light forth to as

flies away home. Thank you! This concludes the service.