

How To Write the Perfect Epitaph Inscription

EPITAPHS

All great epitaphs reflect the spirit of the person for whom it was inscribed. If you've been tasked with writing an epitaph to memorialize your loved one's life and legacy, consider these expert tips.

Consider Core Principles, Belief & Values

Did your loved one follow a particular faith? Did they proudly serve in the military? Consider your loved one's **core principles & values** to help craft an epitaph that represents the life of the individual and what was most important to them.

Take Your Time!

Don't rush the writing process. Give yourself time after your loss to process your emotions & reflect on how you want your loved one to be remembered. This way, you can **choose your words carefully**.

Consider Who You Want to Speak To

Do you want the message to speak to family members? To people who visit or pass by your loved one's grave? To your loved one? Consider **who you want the epitaph to speak to** when writing an inscription.

Brainstorm Ideas & Ask for Input From Family

Brainstorm potential ideas for an epitaph inscription & **ask family and friends for feedback** before making a final decision.

Search for Inspiration

Did your loved one have a favourite poem, song or book? Find words to inspire an epitaph inscription in **poetry, song lyrics & literature** that were significant to your loved one.

Choose a Message That Stands the Test of Time

An epitaph is what people will see when they visit your loved one's grave for years to come. Avoid choosing an epitaph based on a passing fad or a cultural reference that **may lose its meaning** as time goes by.

Keep It Short

There is **limited room** on the headstone or monument, so the epitaph needs to be short & concise!

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