



# WHEN DEATH OCCURS:

FUNERAL, GRIEVING, AND MOVING FORWARD





In Loving Memory of  
**Donald Allen Hilts**

April 3, 1943 – September 28, 2021

“It is better to go to the house  
of mourning than to go to the  
house of feasting, for this is the  
end of all mankind, and the  
living will lay it to heart.”  
(Ecclesiastes 7:2)





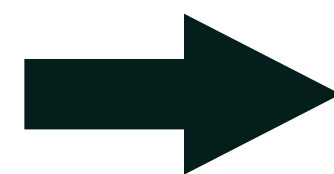
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Funeral Service  
or  
Memorial Service?



## **Order of Service**



### **Welcome and Prayer**

Pastor Lucas Pace

### **Biography**

Ryan Hilts

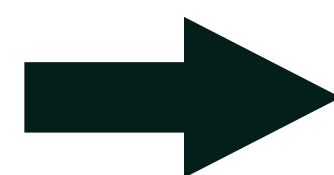
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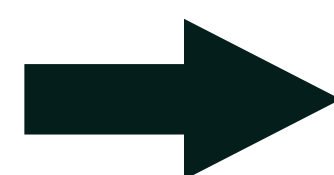


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## Biography

- ❑ Purpose: To provide a brief overview of the deceased's life, their achievements, and their impact on others.
- ❑ Written by a close family member or friend
- ❑ Read by a close family member or friend
- ❑ Length: Typically 3-5 minutes long



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## ✓ Biography

### □ Elements to Include:

- ✓ Full Name: Including maiden name if applicable.
- ✓ Date of Birth and Date of Death: To mark their journey through life.
- ✓ Early Life: Where they were born, early family life, education.
- ✓ Family and Relationships: Important relationships (spouse, children, siblings, etc.), and role in family life.
- ✓ Spiritual Life: Point of salvation and impact for Christ.
- ✓ Career and Achievements: Key professional accomplishments or personal milestones.
- ✓ Hobbies/Passions: What they enjoyed doing in their free time, contributions to community or causes.
- ✓ Personal Qualities/Character: Positive traits, or very short stories that capture their essence.
- ✓ Legacy: How they impacted others, their lasting influence, or any lasting contributions.



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## Eulogies

- ❑ Eulogy comes from the Greek word "eulogia," which means "praise" or "commendation." It is derived from "eu" (good) and "logos" (speech or word), meaning "good words" or "praise."
- ❑ Purpose: to honor and remember the life of the deceased. It often highlights their character, achievements, and the impact they had on others.
- ❑ Length: Typically 3\*-5 minutes long.
- ❑ Usually 2 to 4 eulogies.



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### □ Elements to Include:

- ✓ Introduction: Connection/relationship to the deceased.
- ✓ Personal Memories: Short stories that reflect the deceased's character, humor, and personality.
- ✓ Character Traits: Personal description of the qualities that made the person special.
- ✓ Spiritual Impact: How you were impacted or saw others impacted for Christ by the deceased.
- ✓ Impact and Legacy: Reflections on their role within their family and among friends, and how they touched the lives of others.





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## Video Presentation

- ❑ A collection of photos from different stages of life (childhood, adolescence, adulthood, family events, church work, hobbies).
- ❑ Photos of family and close friends.
- ❑ Photos that reflect the person's personality (e.g., laughing, participating in favorite activities, celebrating milestones).
- ❑ Length: Typically 3 - 6 minutes long (one or two songs) 90 to 180 photos.
- ❑ Send: Photos (labeled) and songs to CBC.



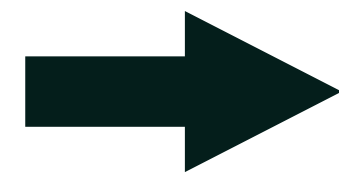
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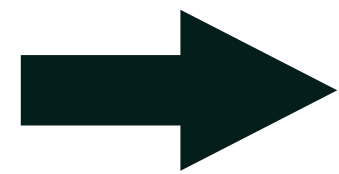
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## Additional Elements

### □ Songs

- ✓ Favorite worship song or song of significant meaning.
- ✓ Can be performed or sung together.
- ✓ Preference on who leads?

### □ Scripture reading

### □ Military honors: Contact mortuary to set up



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## ✔ Program

### □ Front Cover:

- ✔ A nice picture that will also be placed on the screens in venue
- ✔ Full name
- ✔ DOB and DOD
- ✔ Bible verse or quote



### Psalm 23

"The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.  
He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever."

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## Program

### Inside

✓ Scripture passage

✓ Multiple Bible verses

✓ Quote

✓ Picture (s)

✓ List of surviving relatives



## Program

### Back

- ✓ Scripture passage
- ✓ Multiple Bible verses
- ✓ Quote
- ✓ Picture (s)
- ✓ List of surviving relatives
- ✓ Date of service

### **John 11:25-26**

Jesus said to her,  
“I am the resurrection and the life.  
Whoever believes in me, though he die,  
yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and  
believes in me shall never die.  
Do you believe this?”



January 29, 2022





## Additional Information

- How many guests are expected?
- Will there be a reception to follow?
- Will food be served?
- Will there be a memorabilia table?
- Pictures blown up & easels?
- Flower arrangement?



## LET'S TALK NUMBERS

<b>MORTUARY BURIAL</b>	\$6,425
<b>CASKET</b>	\$1,500
<b>CEMETERY BURIAL PKG.</b>	\$6,000
<b>FLOWERS</b>	\$ 400
<b>GRAVESTONE</b>	\$1,000
<b>RECEPTION CATERING</b>	+ \$ 750
<b>TOTAL</b>	<hr/> <b>\$16,075</b>

**COMPASS MEMORIAL SERVICE VENUE**

\$1,500

**COMPASS RECEPTION VENUE**

\$1,500

**TECH SUPPORT (MICS/MUSIC ETC)**

\$750

**MUSICIANS**

+ \$1,000

**PROGRAMS/PICTURES PRINTING**

\$1,250

**PICTURE VIDEO CREATION**

\$750

**PASTORS/ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT**

\$Priceless

**COMPASS PACKAGE - TOTAL**

**\$0**



# GRAVESIDE SERVICE

- ❑ After the reception
- ❑ Close family & friends invited
- ❑ Will need to select pallbearers
- ❑ Order of service
  - ✓ Prayer
  - ✓ Song
  - ✓ Scripture reading
  - ✓ Sermonette
  - ✓ Open sharing
  - ✓ Placement of flowers in the Committal
  - ✓ Closing prayer
  - ✓ Close family and friends gathering
  - ✓ Interment





# STAGES OF GRIEF

**Denial**  
and Isolation



Shock  
Strong Emotions  
Disbelief

**Anger**  
and Resentment



Lashing Out  
Frustration  
Deflection

**Bargaining**  
and Second Guessing



"If Only"  
Promises to Self  
Placing Blame

**Depression**  
and Withdrawal



Internalization  
Self-Doubt  
Lack of Ambition

**Acceptance**  
and Awakening

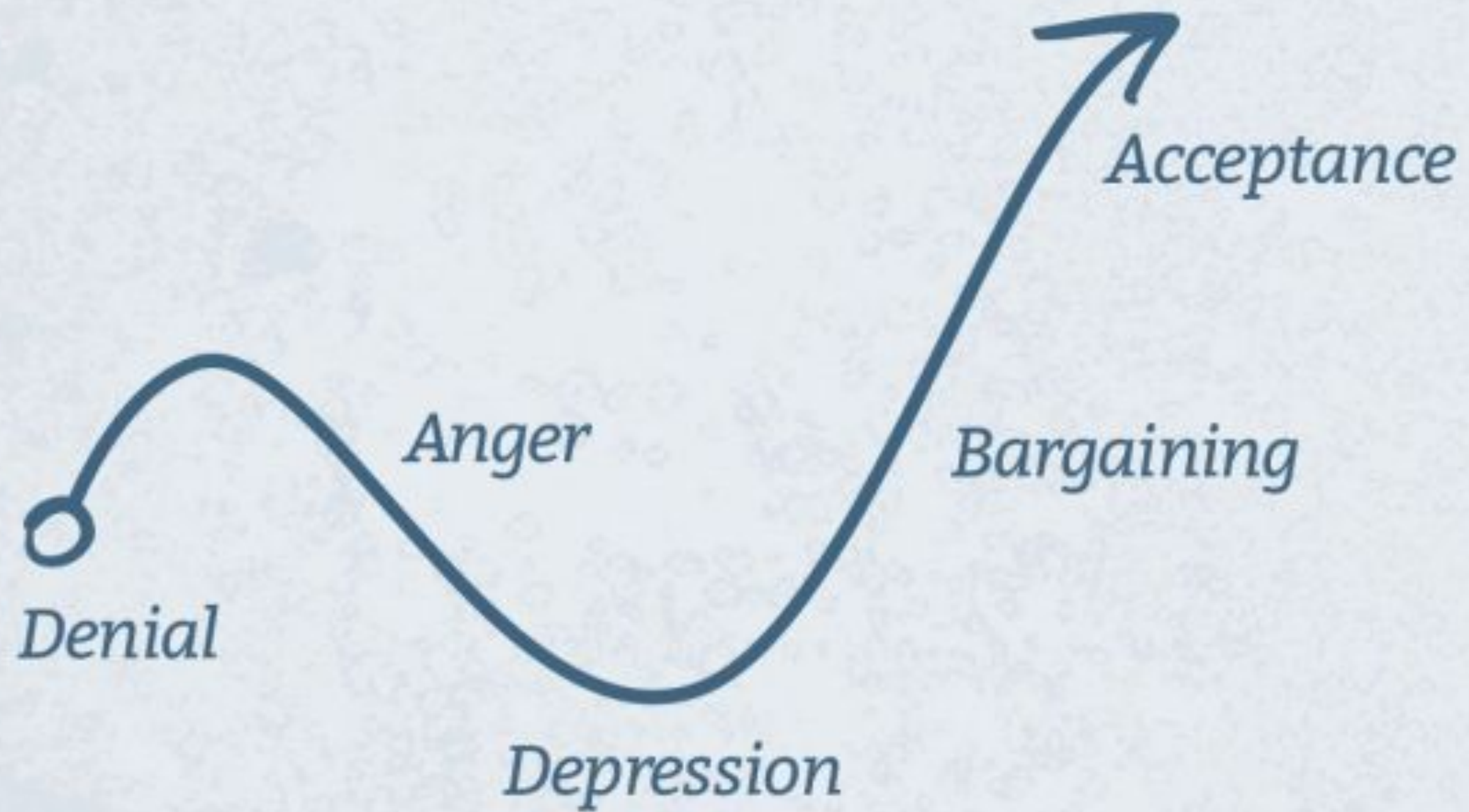


Clarity  
Determination  
Goal Setting

# STAGES OF GRIEF

## Stages of Grief

The roadmap you expected:



The road you got:



## THE BIBLE AND GRIEF

### Expect Grief

- “Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!””  
(John 11:32-36)



## THE BIBLE AND GRIEF

### Grieve with Hope

- “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)



## THE BIBLE AND GRIEF

### Grieve and Trust

- "The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works."  
(Psalm 145:17)
- "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9)



## THE BIBLE AND GRIEF

### Grieve and Seek Comfort

#### From God

- "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction..." (2 Corinthians 1:3a)

#### From Others (Don't Isolate)

- "... we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." (2 Corinthians 1:4b)
- "Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment." (Proverbs 18:1)



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### Bring Comfort to the Grieving

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