



# THE IMPORTANCE OF A *memorial service*

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During our lifetime, so many of our close friends and relatives pass on. When we think about a death, it is the memories of that person which comes back in our hearts and in our minds.

And often times the most striking memory is his or her Memorial Service. In simplest terms, the Memorial Service is a commemorative service of a loved one held for the family members, and friends in the honour of the deceased.

We have so many traditions in our lives. We gather to celebrate the marriage of friends, birthdays, christenings,

and many other significant events. Why would we allow the death of a loved one to pass without a memorial ceremony?

### **The Courage for the Journey**

A Memorial Service emphasizes and acknowledges the life and the importance of a loved one. It tells us where they've been; they bind us together; they give us courage for the journey. It is believed that every life has value and makes a contribution to the world, be it big or small. A Memorial Service allows for loved ones to

come and remember the deceased and to share their emotions and feeling with others who are present.

### **The Purpose**

A Memorial Service has several purposes. Most importantly, we come together to grieve in the presence of family, friends and a caring community, and gives us permission to give ourselves to the experience of loss. We also gather together to celebrate the life that is now gone from us, to recollect and to remember, as in "to make whole again."

The Memorial Service is

a way of paying respect to the person who has passed away, one who has lived perhaps not a perfect life, but like the rest of us, a life full of hope, possibilities and achievements. The Memorial Service will bring a sense of closure to the void that one feels at these times.

The purpose is transformational. We come to the Memorial Service in one state, and we leave in another. It's Time We Had a Talk For TR Brownjohn Memorial Home, that is the true importance of a Memorial Service, remembering a life well

lived and keeping that life alive through memories, stories, and the saying of their name.

For death, can only take away the physical; and life remains forever in the sharing of the stories and memories of our loved ones. Yes, we have the power to keep our loved ones alive through our memories and our voice, and, that is an awesome power, indeed.

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