

Desert Vineyard Memorials

Life together at the Desert Vineyard includes being there for one another in the most difficult seasons. Surely one of those is the time immediately following the loss of a loved one. The Desert Vineyard extends the following provisions to our church family and, when possible, to the broader Antelope Valley community.

Our caring reception staff is ready to assist with the first steps of making a memorial request. Please call 661-945-2777, Monday through Thursday, 9am to 5pm. Our Care Ministries team will respond to requests on the next working day, if not sooner.

Memorial Service: we characterize our memorials as a *celebration of life*, therefore do not include caskets (open or closed). Services held on Saturday mornings 11am-12:30pm and we will do all we can to accommodate you on a date that meets your needs. The memorial honoring your loved one will be officiated by a pastor or chaplain who will include a brief message of hope as part of the service. Guest officiants are permitted at the discretion of the Desert Vineyard Staff.

Program: time permitting, we can print a color program based on our standard template that includes a photo* of your loved one and your own selection of scriptures, poems, quotes, or other literature*. Please be prompt with your custom selections to ensure they are included.

Special Music: when possible, we will provide a worship leader for up to two songs that you may choose from our list. In the event that a musician is unavailable, your selections could be played through the sound system. If you prefer other recorded songs* to be played or have family or friends who would like to perform instead, accommodations can be made with advanced notice. Guest musicians* must arrive 30 minutes prior to service time for sound check.

Choice of Venues: based on the anticipated size of your guestlist, we offer services in our Auditorium (seating for 250-600) or Café Auditorium (seating up to 248). Both spaces reflect the casual nature of the Desert Vineyard and may make use of chairs set around tables for some of the guest seating. Should public health guidelines require, we can also offer a simple service with outdoor seating for up to 200 guests at a reduced cost.

- Auditorium: \$450
- Café Auditorium: \$300

Note that fees are based on facility and support staff costs. Please consider blessing your pastor or chaplain with an honorarium for their duties.

Sound/Media Personnel: trained staff will be there to display a slide with the name of your loved one, manage all of the sound needs, and play the video slideshow you provide as part of the memorial service. Your video slideshow* must be MP4 or MOV format and submitted on a flash-drive 72 hours prior to the service in order to have it ready to run smoothly on the day of the memorial.

Extra Amenities: for your convenience, we will supply draped tables that can be used for any memorabilia*, flowers, or guest book you provide. We also have large floor easels and smaller tabletop easels for photographs*, collages*, and plaques you may wish to display.

We regret that we are no longer able to provide luncheon receptions as a part of memorial services.

*Please be respectful of the church and guests by selecting music, literature, photos and memorabilia that are free of illegal activity and profane words, gestures or images.