



## Obituary Policy of The Garden City Telegram

Basic obituaries will be published free of charge, providing there is an obvious connection to our subscriber area. Clients who want to share more than the basic details in an obituary may do so for a nominal price, as outlined below.

The following information constitutes a basic obituary and will be published free of charge:

- Name, age, residence of deceased, date and place of death (would include former residence if the former is the deceased person's connection to our coverage area)
- Date and place of birth and parents' names, including mother's maiden name
- Basic military service
- Primary or most recent occupation
- Date and place of marriage(s) and spouse's name, including wife's maiden name
- Surviving spouse or significant other and immediate family members defined as children, stepchildren, siblings (including step and half siblings), adopted or foster children, parents and grandparents
- Preceded in death would include spouse, siblings, children and parents
- Funeral service time, date and place; place of burial; visitation times; rosaries; prayer services, memorials and name of funeral home, etc.
- Half-column photograph

Obituaries also could include the following information for a flat \$10 per category:

- Memberships
- Military honors, years of service and battles fought
- Hobbies and pastimes
- Awards/honors
- Residential history
- Education history
- Occupational history, other than primary or most recent listed in free obituary
- Additional survivors not included in the free obituary
- Preceded in death not included in free obituary
- Officiant at funeral service, graveside service, use of color guards, military rites, etc.

### Other terms of our obituary policy:

- Paid obituaries will be billed to the funeral homes. Those funeral homes outside of our area that don't have accounts with The Telegram will be expected to pay in advance of publication with a credit card.
- Custom obituaries, those in which the families request that obituaries are published word-for-word without any style changes or editing, would continue to cost \$11.10 per column inch. These obituaries may be sent via e-mail to [obituaries@gctelegram.com](mailto:obituaries@gctelegram.com) to ensure they are precisely as the client requests.
- The Telegram will re-print obituaries if there is a mistake or omission. If the mistake/omission is the newspaper's fault, the re-print is free. If the mistake/omission is the fault of the funeral home or family, the cost is \$5.55 per column inch, which is half price of a custom obituary.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie at (620) 275-8500 or e-mail [obituaries@gctelegram.com](mailto:obituaries@gctelegram.com)

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