

FORT MYERS NEWS-PRESS OBITUARY INFORMATION

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- 1) Click on "Obits" button found near the top right corner
- 2) Scroll to bottom and click on "How to Submit an Obituary"

What is the difference between the paid obituary and the death notice directory?

The free death notice provides a public record, which The News-Press considers an important community service. Information in the free notice is limited to name of deceased, age, city or town of residence, date of death and funeral home. No additions or changes may be made. The paid obituary is the family's tribute to their deceased loved one as well as a notice of funeral/memorial service details. Both notices will appear in the newspaper and online. The free death notice will be submitted by National Cremation and Burial Society on your behalf. You will need to contact the News-Press to place your paid obituary.

What information is typically included in an Obituary?

- Full name and nickname if appropriate
- Date of death and age of person when they died
- City where person lived at death, place of birth and previous places lived if appropriate
- Family members and survivors – include spouse, children, parents grandchildren, grandparents as appropriate
- If close family members have died prior to the individual you may want to include them as predeceased
- Quotes from family members
- Work history, military history, education
- Clubs and religious affiliations, hobbies, interests, accomplishments, volunteer activities
- Complete funeral/memorial service information including date(s), times, locations, cemetery, place of burial
- Family preference for flowers or memorial contributions or donations with instructions for submission
- Name of funeral home where arrangements were made

When should a photo be included with an Obituary?

Photos are a personal preference of the family. Some families choose to use current photos while others select a favorite photo that has special meaning. As the printed obituary has lasting value, the family should choose the photo that means the most to them. Your submitted photo will go through an extensive toning process to deliver the best possible quality. With older photos, it is sometimes not possible to duplicate the quality of a newer one. You will be informed if the photo cannot be duplicated. Obituary pictures will run in black and white in the newspaper. The photo will remain in color on the screen but will be converted prior to publication.

If I work on an Obituary but don't want to complete it at that time, can it be saved for future use?

Yes, you may build the obituary and save it. You will simply log in to your account and retrieve the obituary when you're ready. If you don't have an existing account, you will be able to create one. The News-Press reserves the right to correct any typographical or grammatical error. Once submitted for publication, if necessary, an obituary may be changed prior to the deadline.

How do I pay for an obituary notice?

You will have an option to pay by credit card. We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover. Our easy to use self-service tool will automatically quote the cost of the obituary upon placement.

How much will the paid obituary cost?

There is a \$65.00 initial charge for print placement, online placement includes local spotlight on www.news-press.com. The obit will appear on www.legacy.com and will include an annual guestbook, which allows users to add extended text, photos, video and audio. Additionally, the cost is \$4.25 per line the 1st day (35% off the 2nd day and free the 3rd day with a minimum ad size of 5 lines). The Sunday rate is \$5.25 per line (35% off the 2nd day and free the 3rd day with a minimum ad size of 5 lines). Graphics such as flags, religious symbols, flowers, etc. may be published in your obituary, and the cost is calculated as part of the line charges. The cost for photos is \$25 each first day (35% off the 2nd day and free the 3rd day).