Remembering Loved Ones

The word memorial is closely related to the word memory. After a loss, many of us feel motivated to create a memorial as a special way of remembering and honoring someone we love.

There are many ways to memorialize a loved one. Friends might make a donation to a favorite charity or organization. Other people plant trees or flowers as living memorials. Some families may choose to place a photo of their loved one in an honored location in the home, near treasured mementos or other tokens. Others will light a candle or say a special prayer as part of their tradition.

The type of memorial and the way it is created is a matter of individual choice. There is no right or wrong way. The important thing to remember is to do what feels appropriate for you.

Memorials allow us to honor our loved ones, keeping their memory precious. Through this acknowledgment, we reaffirm that our loved ones remain near to our hearts at all times. It is said that death can end a life, but it does not end a relationship. Memorials are a way that we can honor this lasting bond.

If you or someone you know needs additional help coping with the loss of a loved one, please call us at 800-835-1673. Our professional counselors are available to guide you through this transition.
A Sanctuary for Healing

Hope’s gardens create a therapeutic and soothing environment in which patients, family caregivers, people who are grieving and members of the community find comfort. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this space for a time of conversation, remembrance, quiet reflection and healing. Amidst the gentle companionship and beauty of nature, we can find a sanctuary for healing.

We call these special spaces our Tribute Gardens. In addition to providing an oasis of relaxation, the gardens also offer families many opportunities for making a lasting honorarium or a loving memorial gift.

It is natural to reflect on memories of a loved one. You may wish to remember your friend or family member alone, or you may seek companionship with others who are coping with loss. By visiting a personalized memorial in the gardens, either alone or as a group, you may find additional comfort.
Find Comfort at Hope’s Tribute Gardens

- Sit in quiet reflection and commune with nature
- Bring grieving children or teenagers to the garden to share special memories
- Visit the gardens during a holiday, important anniversary or special occasion
- Gather with a larger group of family members or loved ones to join in the experience
- Relax, release stress and begin healing in our soothing, private oasis

Giving Hope to Others

In this booklet, you will find a number of ways to honor or remember your loved ones. A lasting tribute - such as a stone, bench or other tangible marker - can be placed in one of our gardens as a sign of your ongoing love.

Your dedication item will become a permanent part of the Hope Tribute Gardens. Through these memorial gifts, we are able to provide care for everyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay.
Special Dedication Stones

Our dedication stones line the walkways of the Tribute Gardens. These markers along the winding paths around our grounds are reminder of our connections to the ones we have lost as well as those that we continue to cherish in life.

Etched into the stones are joyful tributes and fond farewells. Each message may be customized according to your family’s preference. Stones are available in two sizes.

Small Dedication Stone (4x8): $250
Large Dedication Stone (4x16): $500
Square Dedication Marker

For many families, choosing a meaningful message is a special part of memorializing or honoring a loved one.

These square markers offer a larger space for imparting an enduring inscription for those who have touched our lives – family, friends and neighbors – whether departed or living.

**Square Dedication Marker (12x12): $750**
Polished Granite Symbols

Many of our loved ones have held a special place in our heart. To honor them with an extra special tribute, there are polished granite symbols which can be engraved with a message of your choosing.

Three different designs are available for customization.

Polished Granite Butterfly: $1,000  
Polished Granite Heart: $1,000  
Polished Granite Square: $1,000
Tree Markers

Trees are living symbols of growth and renewal. As birds and butterflies visit nearby and gentle breezes stir the branches, you may experience an inner calm as nature surrounds you. Families can use their designated tree as a special meeting place for future celebrations, holidays or reunions.

Prices may vary; please ask us for details on availability at each location.

Tree Markers: $750 - $2,000
Granite Benches

Sometimes, in the middle of a quiet stroll, we need to stop and relax. Beautiful granite benches are placed throughout our grounds; they are places for rest and remembrance.

A granite bench will give your family a permanent place to sit for a quiet moment and reflect on the memories of your departed loved one.

Granite Bench: $3,000
Common Questions

Q: Are the items available in the tribute gardens only available for memorial gifts?
A: No, many people choose to designate a stone, tree or bench as an honorarium or tribute. They are thoughtful, appropriate gifts for celebrating a special person or occasion.

Q: I want to make a memorial gift, but my loved one was not cared for by Hope Hospice. Can I participate?
A: Yes, we welcome all tribute and memorial gifts. Many of our friends honor a loved one who was cared for in another place or lived in another state.

Q: How can I notify someone of my gift?
A: If you provide the name and address of the individuals you would like to be notified of your donation, we will send a letter to acknowledge your gift.

Q: Are Tribute Garden items tax-deductible?
A: A certain percentage of your gift may be tax-deductible. Please check with a Hope representative for individualized information.

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Leave a Legacy

Contact Information

Name ____________________________________________
Mailing Address __________________________________
City ___________________ State ___  Zip __________
Phone __________________________________________
E-mail __________________________________________

Choice of Location

☐ Bonita Springs  ☐ Cape Coral
☐ Fort Myers      ☐ Lehigh Acres

Choice of Tribute Item(s)

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☐ Large Dedication Stone (4x16): $500
☐ Square Dedication Marker (12x12): $750
☐ Polished Granite Butterfly: $1,000
☐ Polished Granite Heart: $1,000
☐ Polished Granite Square: $1,000
☐ Tree Marker: $750 - $2,000
☐ Granite Bench: $3,000

Other Ways to Give

☐ Yes, please contact me about planned giving options, charitable gift annuities or other gifts.

Please mail this form to: Tribute Gardens Officer, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908 or call 800-835-1673 for assistance.