

MEMORIAL SERVICE

At my memorial service, I do not want it announced as a Celebration of Life. It is a celebration of **MY DEPARTURE**. Ask the preacher to use his own words, but put my thoughts in it.

Probably the best known verse in the bible is John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” Jesus said in John 11:26, “And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.” In 2 Timothy 4:6, Paul refers to his death as a **departure**. A Christian does not die. The real person lives on, he just departs from the old rotten tent of flesh he has been living in. A Christian departs upon a new adventure that is more thrilling than anyone on earth can imagine. When a person puts their faith and trust in Jesus as their redeemer and savior, He gives them eternal life – **right then**. The gift of eternal life with Christ can never be lost, it is kept by the power of God. Nothing is more powerful than God. He has promised to keep those that come to him and He keeps His promises. The old body dies, but the person lives on in a spiritual body until Christ calls them out in the first resurrection and gives them a glorified body. Believers, in their glorified bodies will be married to Christ, in heaven, before He returns to the earth for the final judgment of those who died without believing in Him.

I am not dead. I am more alive than I have ever been. I have simply departed from my earthly body that will rot away. I am in heaven with Christ where nothing rots, nothing is corrupt. All is perfect, more perfect than we can even image.

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