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WELCOME

HELPING FAMILIES CREATE LASTING MEMORIES

Printhouse.ie serving Ireland for over 30 years.

We can create a traditional folded memorial cards, bookmarks or wallet cards, which have become increasingly popular.

Whichever you choose, we can show you a wide range of designs and verses, in order to give you all the help you need in making the right choice. You can choose from our specific range of images and verses by quoting the codes accompanied with the image or verse or if you prefer, create your own design with your own verse and images and we would be honoured to design it for you.

We produce a wide variety of cards as follows:

- Traditional Memorial Cards.
- Memorial Wallet Card.
- Memorial Bookmarks.
- Thank You & Acknowledgement cards of various sizes in portrait and landscape style.
- All memorial cards are laminated as standard.
- Envelopes are supplied with all cards.
- Background scenes or verses can be changed from one sample to another.
- Reprints are available in any number on request.
- Photo restoration if required.
- A proof of the artwork is sent to you for your approval prior to printing.

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BOOKMARKS

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65mm x 170mm is the final print size for Bookmarks.

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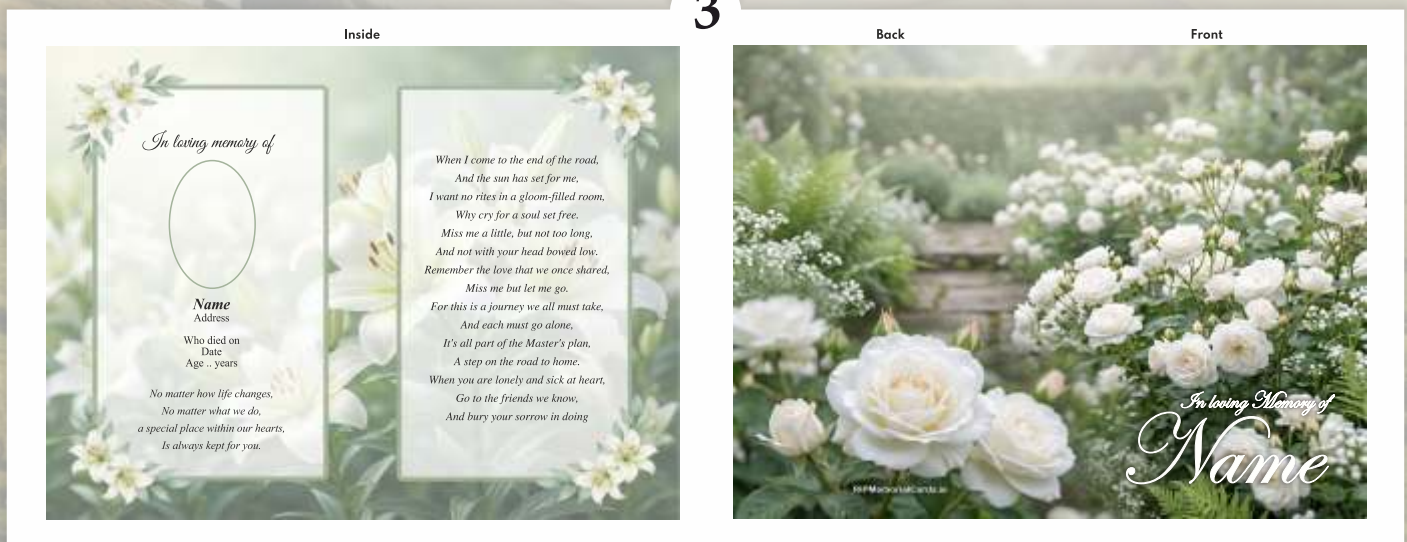
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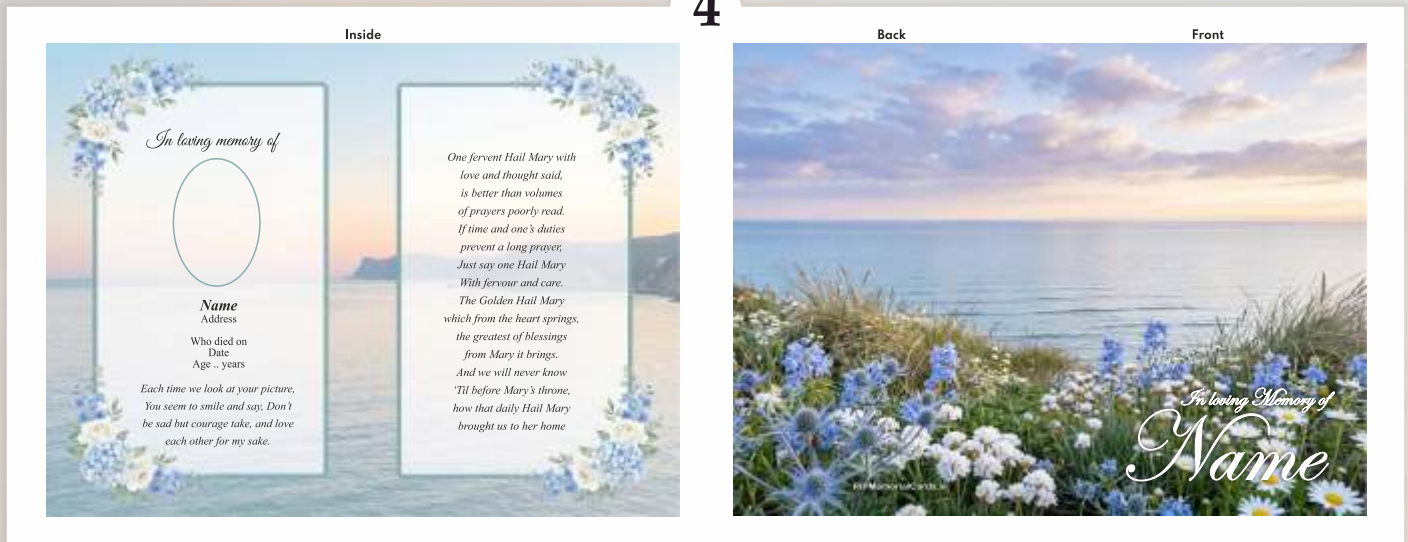


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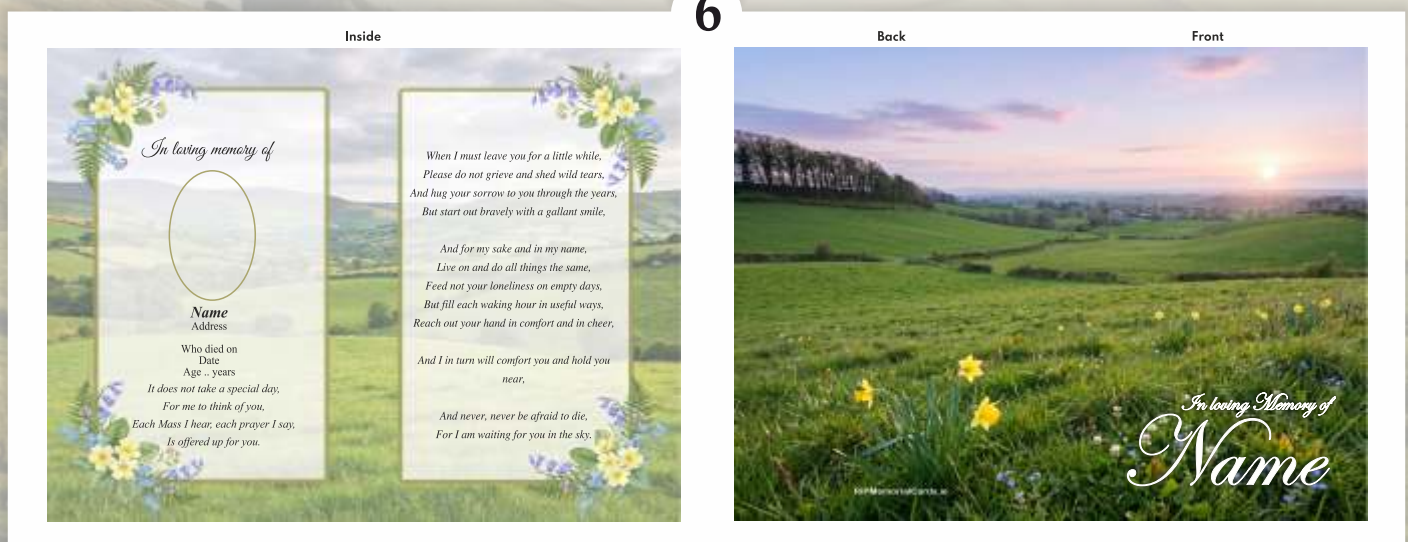
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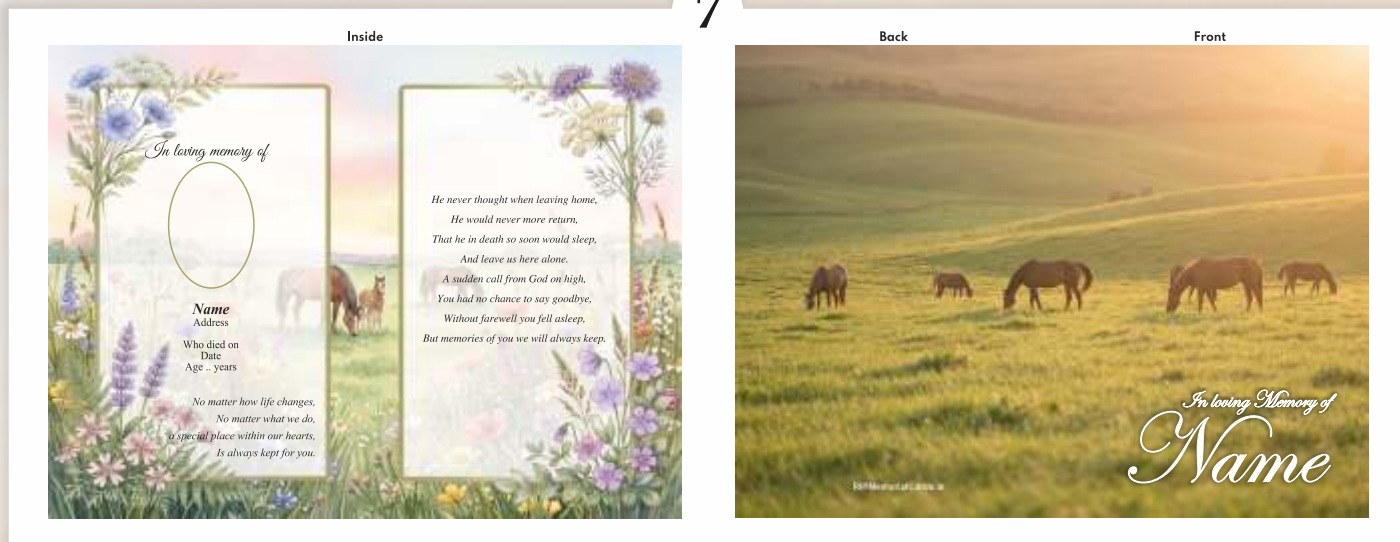


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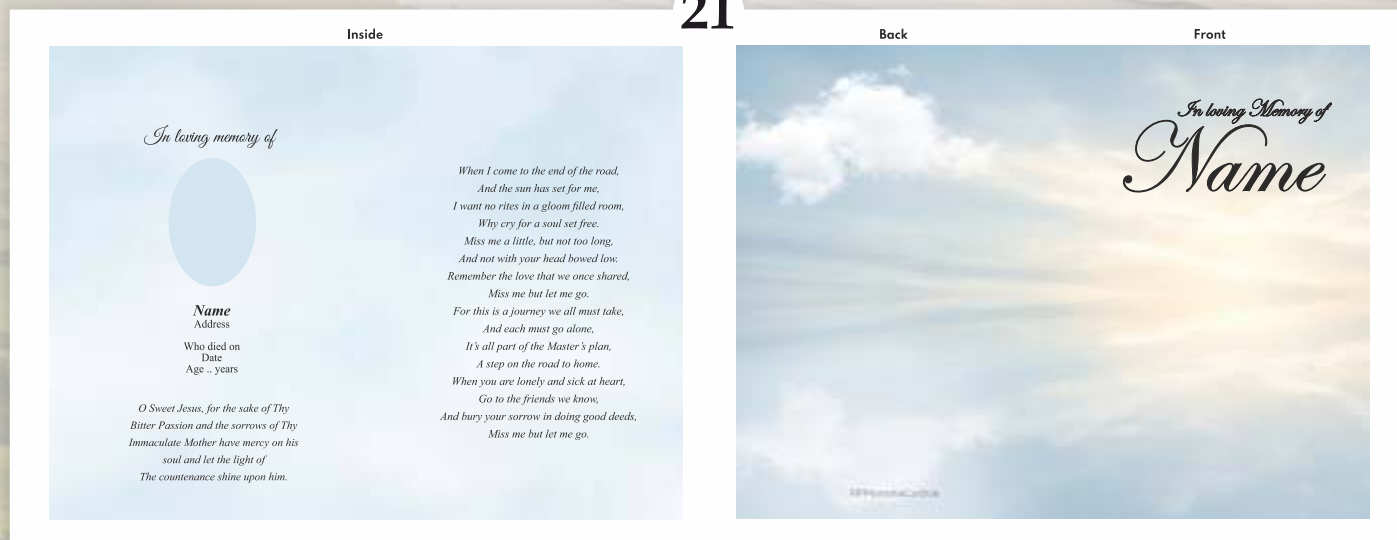
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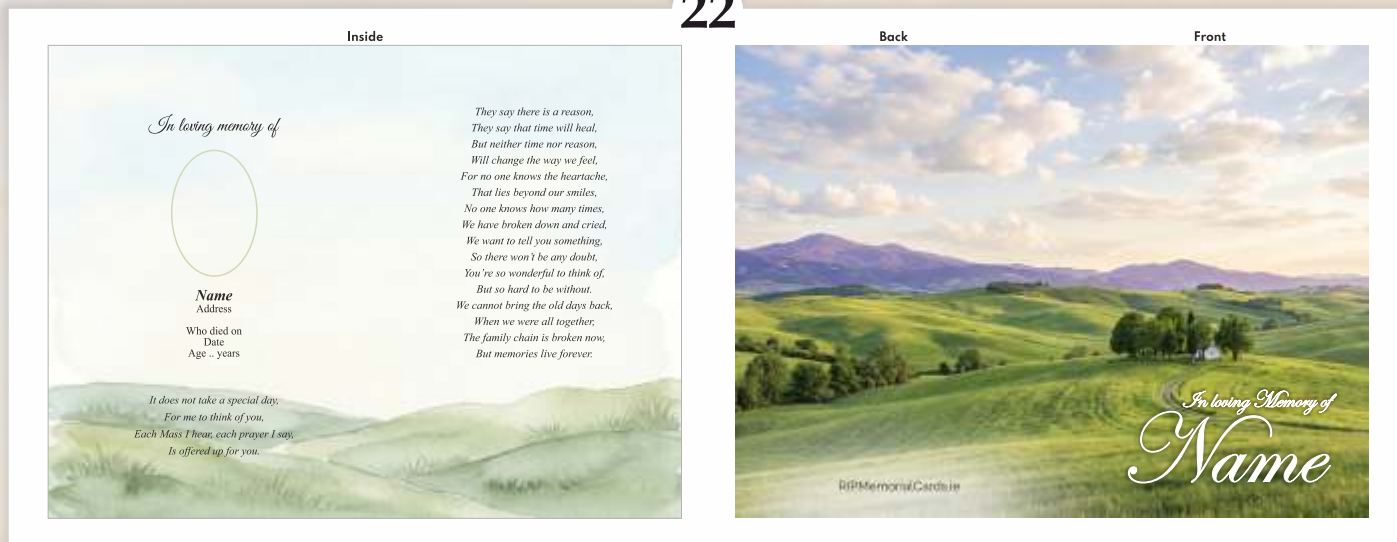


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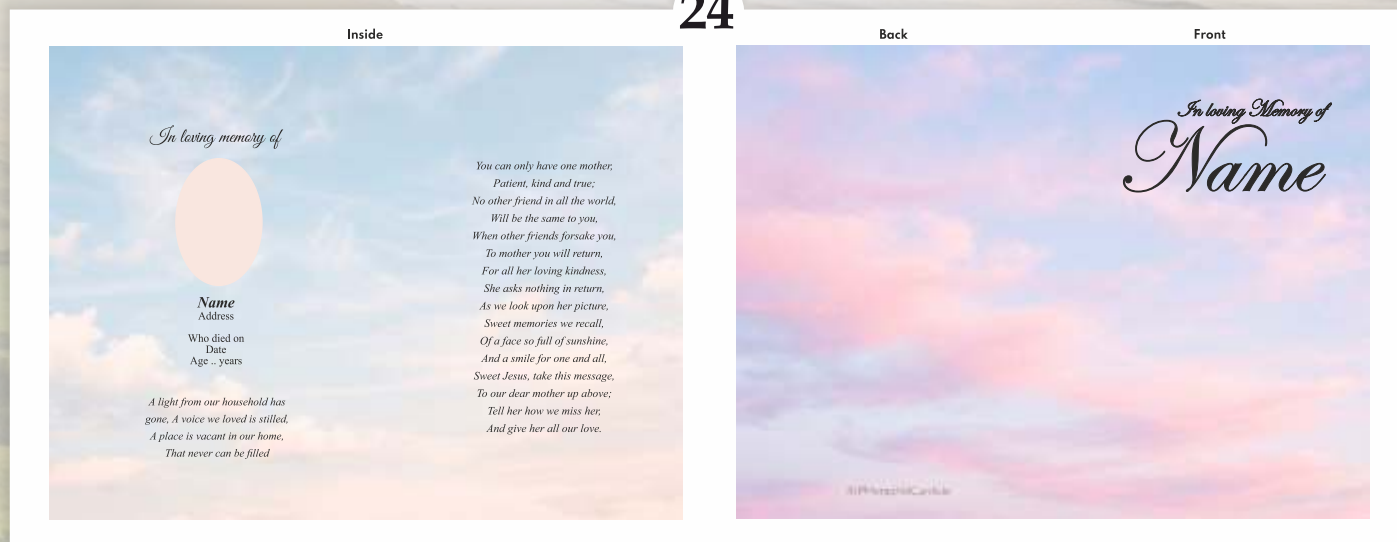
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THANK YOU CARDS

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105mm x 148mm is the final print size for Thank You Cards.

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105mm x 148mm is the final print size for Thank You Cards.

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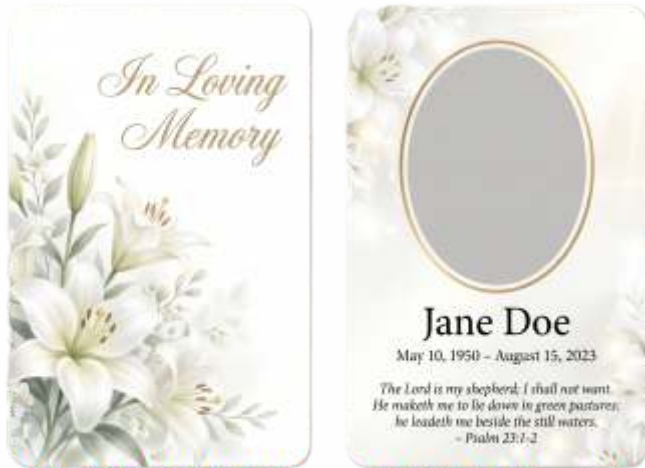


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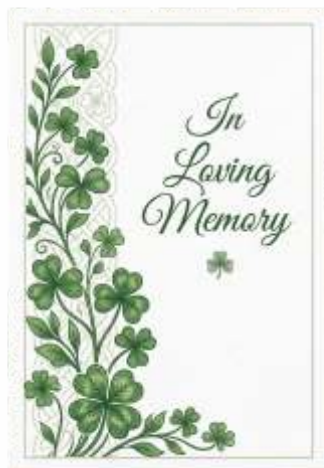


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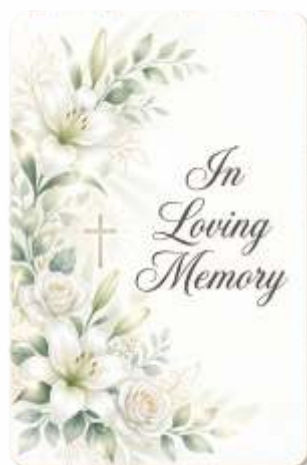
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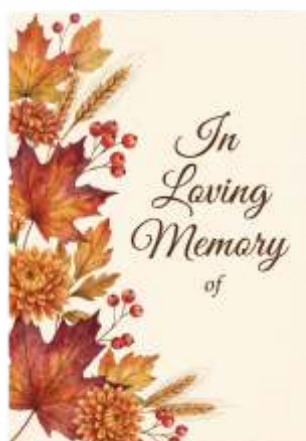
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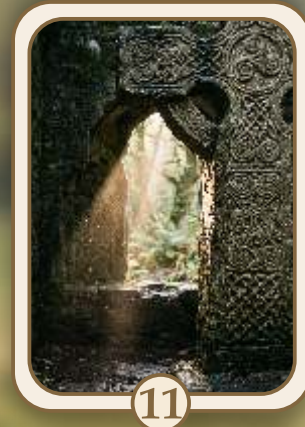
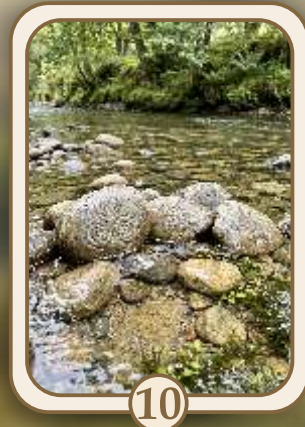
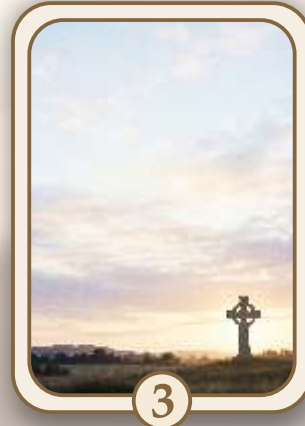


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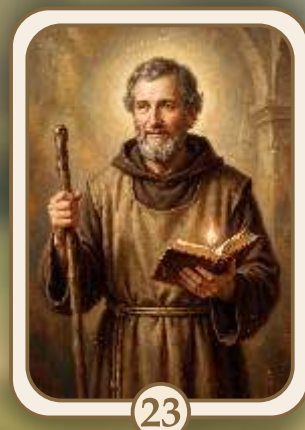
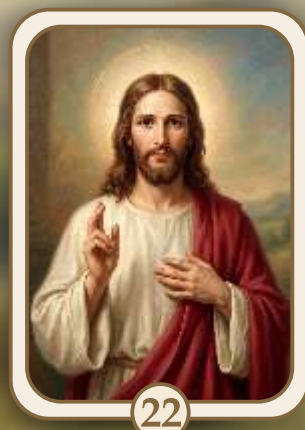
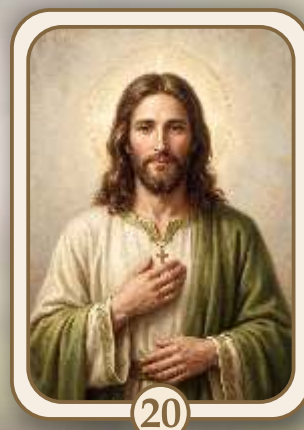
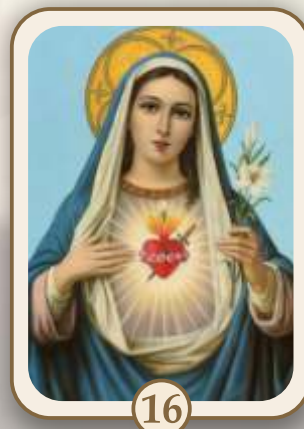
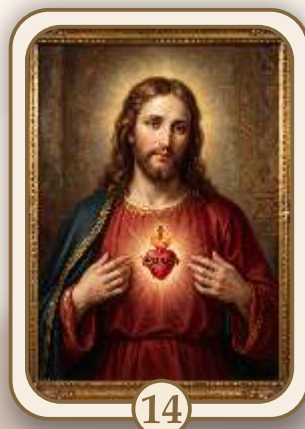
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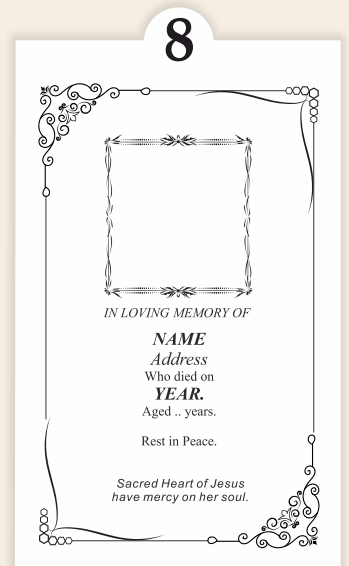
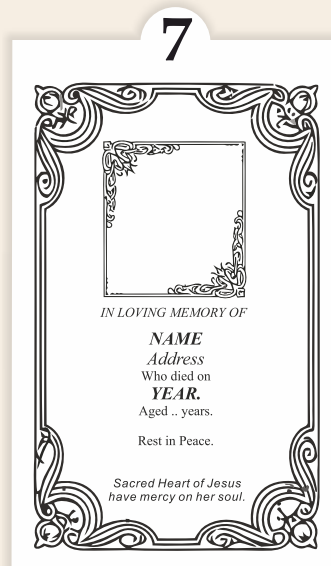
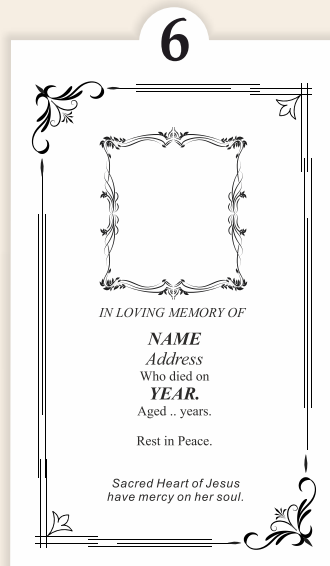
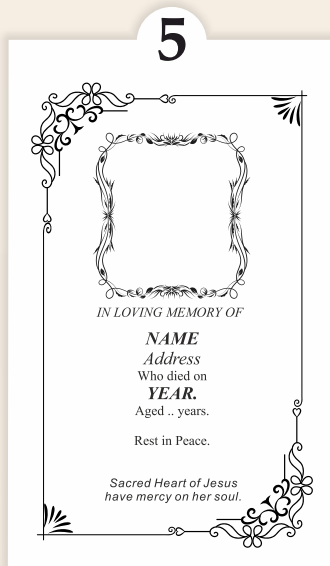
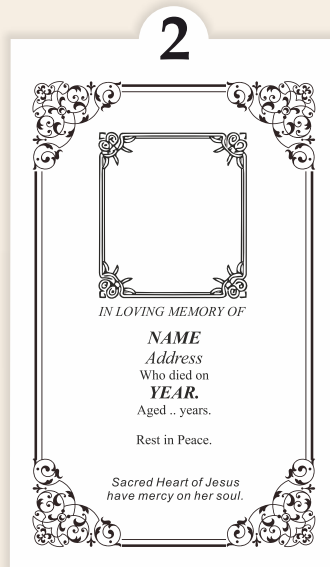
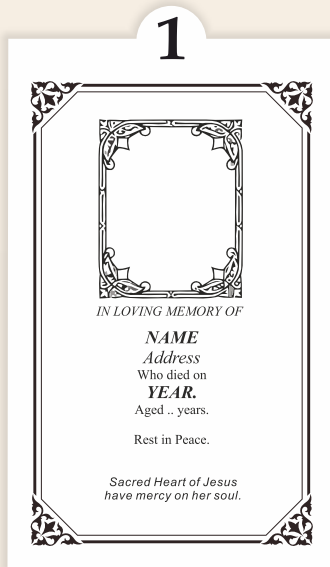
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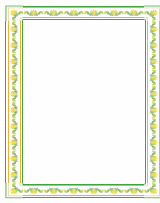
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Who died on
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Aged .. years.

Rest in Peace.

Sacred Heart of Jesus
have mercy on her soul.

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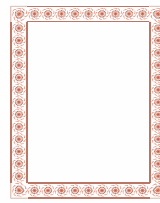
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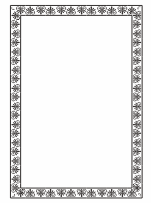
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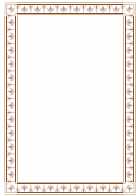
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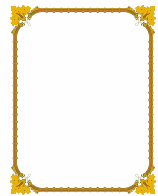
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SHORT VERSES

1

*A light from our household has
gone, A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
That never can be filled*

2

*No matter how life changes,
No matter what we do,
a special place within our hearts,
Is always kept for you.*

3

*Loved with a love beyond all telling,
missed with a grief beyond all tears*

4

*Those who die in grace go no
further from us than to God, and
God is very near.*

5

*O Sweet Jesus, for the sake of Thy
Bitter Passion and the sorrows of Thy
Immaculate Mother have mercy on his
soul and let the light of
The countenance shine upon him.*

6

*It does not take a special day,
For me to think of you,
Each Mass I hear, each prayer I say,
Is offered up for you.*

7

*Each time we look at your picture,
You seem to smile and say, Don't
be sad but courage take, and love
each other for my sake.*

8

*God called your name so softly,
That only you could hear,
And no one heard the footsteps,
Of Angels drawing near.
The golden gates stood open,
God saw you needed rest,
His garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best.*

SHORT VERSES

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*Loved with a love beyond all telling,
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*Fold him O Jesus in Thine arms
and let him henceforth be a
messenger of love between our
human hearts and thee*

15

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gone, A voice we loved is stilled,
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That never can be filled*

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No matter what we do,
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Is always kept for you.*

FOR A MOTHER

17

You Can Only Have One Mother

*You can only have one mother,
Patient, kind and true;
No other friend in all the world,
Will be the same to you.
When other friends forsake you,
To mother you will return,
For all her loving kindness,
She asks nothing in return.
As we look upon her picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all.
Sweet Jesus, take this message,
To our dear mother up above;
Tell her how we miss her,
And give her all our love.*

18

The Day You Left Us, Mother

*Softly in the morning,
You heard a gentle call,
You took the hand God offered you,
And quietly left us all.
The day you left us mother,
Our hearts just broke in two,
The smallest part is still with us,
And the biggest part with you.
For the rest of our lives we will miss you mother,
Our secret tears still flow,
Oh, how we really loved you,
No one will ever know.
We miss your smile, your joking ways,
We miss the things you used to say,
And when the old times we do recall,
It's then we miss you most of all.*

19

Gone From Our Home

*Gone from our home that smiling face,
The happy cheerful ways,
The heart that won so many friends,
In bygone happy days.
Lonely is the home without you,
Life to us is not the same;
All the world would be like Heaven,
If we could have you back again.
In dreams we see her smiling face,
And kiss her tender brow,
But in our aching hearts we know,
We have no mother now.
The voice is now silent, the heart now cold,
The smile and the welcome that met us of old,
We miss her and mourn her in sorrow unseen,
And dwell on the memory of days that have been.*

20

Forget You, Mother Dear

*We sat beside your bedside,
Our hearts were crushed and sore;
We did our duty to the end,
'Til we could do no more.
In tears we watched you sinking,
We watched you fade away;
And though our hearts were breaking,
We knew you could not stay.
You left behind some aching hearts,
That loved you most sincere;
We never shall and never will
Forget you, mother dear.*

FOR A FATHER

21

A Father With a Heart of Gold

*We lost a father with a heart of gold,
How much we miss him can never be told.
He shared our troubles and helped us along,
If we follow his footsteps we will never go wrong.*

*We miss you from your fireside chair,
Your loving smile and gentle air,
Your vacant place no one can fill,
We miss you father and always will.*

*He was a father so very rare,
Content in his home and always there,
On earth he toiled, in heaven he rests,
God bless you father, you were one of the best.*

22

A Father

*In a near and silent graveyard,
Where the trees their branches wave,
Sleeps a kind and loving father,
In his cold and lonely grave.
He bade no one a last farewell,
He raised his hand to none,
His spirit flew before we knew,
That he from us had gone.
You can only have one father,
Patient, kind and true,
No other friend in all the world,
Will be the same to you.
When other friends forsake you,
To father you will return,
For all his loving kindness,
He asks nothing in return.
As we look upon his picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all.
Sweet Jesus, take this message,
To our dear father up above,
Tell him how we miss him,
And give him all our love.*

23

The Memory of Grandma's Love

*Grandma always held my heart,
Right from the very start.
Her arms were open wide,
She had the safest place to hide.
Inside of Grandma's hug,
I was safe and snug.
Grandma's love always appeared,
Then trouble disappeared.
Grandma made me happy,
Because she loved me.
Grandma wiped my tears,
And chased away my fears.
Grandma's love will always be,
A precious memory to me!*

24

I'll Lend You For a Little While

*I'll lend you for a little while, a child of mine,
God said,
For you to love the while he/she lives, and mourn
for when he/she's dead.*

*It may be six or seven years, or forty-two or three,
But will you, till I call him/her back, take care of
him/her for me.*

*He'll bring his/her charms to gladden you, and
should his/her stay be brief,
You'll always have his/her memories as a solace
for your grief.*

*I cannot promise he/she will stay, since all from
earth return,
But there are lessons taught below I want this
child to learn.*

*I've looked the whole world over in my search for
teachers true,
And from the folks that crowd life's lane, I have
chosen (name).*

A SUDDEN LOSS

25

We Did Not See You Close Your Eyes

*We did not see you close your eyes,
We did not see you die,
All we knew was that you were gone,
Without a last goodbye.
It was a sudden parting,
Too bitter to forget,
Only those who loved you,
Are the ones who will never forget.*

26

He Never Thought When Leaving Home

*He never thought when leaving home,
He would never more return,
That he in death so soon would sleep,
And leave us here alone.
A sudden call from God on high,
You had no chance to say goodbye,
Without farewell you fell asleep,
But memories of you we will always keep.*

27

Miss Me But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road,
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free.
Miss me a little, but not too long,
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me but let me go.
For this is a journey we all must take,
And each must go alone,
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrow in doing*

28

What Is Dying

*I am standing on the seashore. A ship at my side
spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and
starts out for the blue ocean.
She is an object of beauty, and I stand and watch
her until at length she fades on the far horizon.
Then someone at my side says, There, she has
gone gone where? Gone from my sight, that is
all. She is just as large in mast, hull and spar as
she was when she left my side.
The diminished size is in me, not in her and
just at the moment when someone says, she's
gone, there are others to take up the glad shout,
there she comes.
And that is dying.*

A SUDDEN LOSS

29

*A rose once grew,
where all could see,
sheltered beside a garden wall
And, as the days passed swiftly by,
it spread it's branches,
straight and tall
One day, a beam of light shone
through a crevice that
had opened wide –
The rose bent gently toward its
warmth then passed beyond
to the other side
Now, you who deeply feel it's loss,
be comforted – the rose blooms
there, it's beauty even greater now,
nurtured by God's own loving care*

31

*Remember Lord Thy servant,
In Baptism he died with Christ:
may he also share His resurrection,
When Christ will raise our mortal
Bodies and make them like
His own in glory
Welcome into Your kingdom
Our departed brothers and sisters and
All who have left this world
In your friendship.
There we hope to share in your Glory
when every tear will Be wiped away.
On that day
We shall see You, our God,
As You are.
We shall become like You
And praise You for ever
through Christ our Lord,
From whom all good things come.*

32

*His Journey's Just Begun
Don't think of him as gone away
His journey's just begun
Life holds so many facets
This earth is only one
Just think of him as resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years
Think how he must be wishing
That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away
And think of him as living
In the hearts of those he touched...
For nothing loved is ever lost –
And he was loved so much*

33

*One fervent Hail Mary with
love and thought said,
is better than volumes
of prayers poorly read.
If time and one's duties
prevent a long prayer,
Just say one Hail Mary
With fervour and care.
The Golden Hail Mary
which from the heart springs,
the greatest of blessings
from Mary it brings.
And we will never know
'Til before Mary's throne,
how that daily Hail Mary
brought us to her home*

COMFORTING VERSES

34

Miss Me But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road,
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free.
Miss me a little, but not too long,
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me but let me go.
For this is a journey we all must take,
And each must go alone,
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrow in doing good deeds,
Miss me but let me go.*

35

*They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time nor reason,
Will change the way we feel,
For no one knows the heartache,
That lies beyond our smiles,
No one knows how many times,
We have broken down and cried,
We want to tell you something,
So there won't be any doubt,
You're so wonderful to think of,
But so hard to be without.
We cannot bring the old days back,
When we were all together,
The family chain is broken now,
But memories live forever.*

36

What Is Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep,
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow,
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain,
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush,
Of quiet birds in circled flight,
I am the soft stars that shine at night,
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there, I did not die.*

37

*We did not see you close your eyes,
We did not see you die,
All we knew was that you were gone,
Without a last goodbye,
It was a sudden parting,
Too bitter to forget,
Only those who loved you,
Are the ones who will never forget.
The happy hours we once enjoyed,
How sweet their memory still,
But death has left a vacant place,
This world can never fill.
Your life was one of kindly deeds,
A helping hand for other's needs,
Sincere and true in heart and mind.
Beautiful memories left behind.
O Sweet Jesus, for the sake of
Thy Bitter Passion and the sorrows
of Thy Immaculate Mother, have
mercy on his soul, and let the
Light of Thy Countenance shine upon him.*

COMFORTING VERSES

38

When I Must Leave You

*When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears,
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile,*

*And for my sake and in my name,
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer,*

*And I in turn will comfort you and hold you
near,*

*And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky.*

39

His/Her Journey's Just Begun

*Don't think of him/her as gone away,
His/her journey's just begun,
Life holds so many facets,
This earth is only one.*

*Just think of him/her as resting,
From the sorrows and the tears,
In a place of warmth and comfort,
Where there are no days and years.*

*Think how he/she must be wishing,
That we could know today,
How nothing but our sadness,
Can really pass away.*

*And think of him/her as living,
In the hearts of those he/she touched
For nothing loved is ever lost,
And he/she was loved so much.*

40

A Happy Memory

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is
done.*

*I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down
the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright
and sunny days.*

*I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before
the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.*

41

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes,
All filled with tears for me,*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry,
The way you did today,
While thinking of many things,
We didn't get to say.*

*But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand,
That an Angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand,*

*So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.*

LONG MEMORIAL VERSES

42

*I am at home in Heaven, dear ones,
Oh, so happy and so bright,
There is perfect joy and beauty,
In this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over;
Ever restless yearning passed,
I am now at peace forever;
Safely home in Heaven at last.
Did you wonder I so calmly,
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh, but Jesus love illumined,
Every dark and fearful glade.
And He came Himself to meet me,
In that way so hard to tread,
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread.
Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still,
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our father's will.
There is still work waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand,
Do it now while life remaineth,
You shall rest in Jesus' land.
When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home,
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come.*

43

*Lonely is the home without you,
Life to us is not the same;
All the world would be like Heaven,
If we could have you back again.
A light from our household gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home,
That never can be filled.
May the god of Love and Mercy,
Care for our loved one who is gone,
And bless with consolation,
Those left to carry on.
The happy hours we once enjoyed,
How sweet their memory still,
But death has left a vacant place,
This world can never fill.
How dearly we loved you,
And prayed you might live,
But Jesus just beckoned,
And we had to give.
God gave us strength to bear it,
And courage to fight the blow,
What it has meant to lose you,
God alone will ever know.*

44

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me,
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy,
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these I too will miss.
Be not burdened with the times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me.
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

45

*Gone from our home that smiling face,
The happy cheerful ways,
The heart that won so many friends,
In bygone happy days
Lonely is the home without you,
Life to us is not the same;
All the world would be like Heaven,
If we could have you back again.
In dreams we see her smiling face,
And kiss her tender brow,
But in our aching hearts we know,
We have no mother now.
The voice is now silent, the heart now cold,
The smile and the welcome that met us of old,
We miss her and mourn her in sorrow unseen,
And dwell on the memory of days that have been.
We sat beside your bedside,
Our hearts were crushed and sore;
We did our duty to the end,
'Til we could do no more.
In tears we watched you sinking,
We watched you fade away;
And though our hearts were breaking,
We knew you could not stay.
You left behind some aching hearts,
That loved you most sincere;
We never shall and never will
Forget you, mother dear.*

LONG MEMORIAL VERSES

46

*I am standing on the seashore.
A ship at my side spreads her white
sails to the morning breeze and starts
out for the Blue ocean.*

*She is an object of beauty
and I stand and watch her until at
length she fades on the far horizon.*

*Then someone at my side says,
"There, she has gone" – Gone where?
Gone from my sight – that is all. She is
just as large in mast, hull and spar as
she was when she left my side.*

*The diminished size is in me and not in
her, and just at that moment when
someone by my side says, "She's
gone," there are others to take up the
glad shout – "there she comes."
And that is dying.*

47

*You can only have one mother,
Patient, kind and true;
No other friend in all the world,
Will be the same to you,
When other friends forsake you,
To mother you will return,
For all her loving kindness,
She asks nothing in return,
As we look upon her picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all,
Sweet Jesus, take this message,
To our dear mother up above;
Tell her how we miss her,
And give her all our love.*

48

*A bouquet of beautiful memories,
Sprayed with a million tears,
Wishing God could have spared you,
If just for a few more years.
It does not take a special day,
For us to think of you,
Each Mass we hear, each prayer we say,
Is offered up for you.
We cannot bring the old days back,
When we were all together,
The family chain is broken now,
But memories live forever.
It was a sudden parting,
Too bitter to forget,
Only those who loved you,
Are the ones who will never forget.
May he rest in peace, dear Jesus,
In Thy heavenly home above,
With the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
In His own eternal love.
A silent grief that's in our hearts,
No human eye can trace,
For many a broken heart is hid,
Beneath a smiling face.*

49

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That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness
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And think of him as living
In the hearts of those he touched...
For nothing loved is ever lost –
And he was loved so much*

NON RELIGIOUS VERSES

50

*When I come to the end of the road,
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free.
Miss me a little, but not too long,
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me but let me go.
For this is a journey we all must take,
And each must go alone,
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrow in doing good deeds,
Miss me but let me go.*

51

*I am standing on the seashore.
A ship at my side spreads her white
sails to the morning breeze and starts
out for the Blue ocean.
She is an object of beauty
and I stand and watch her until at
length she fades on the far horizon.
Then someone at my side says,
"There, she has gone" – Gone where?
Gone from my sight – that is all. She is
just as large in mast, hull and spar as
she was when she left my side.
The diminished size is in me and not in
her, and just at that moment when
someone by my side says, " She's
gone," there are others to take up the
glad shout – "there she comes."
And that is dying.*

52

*They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time nor reason,
Will change the way we feel,
For no one knows the heartache,
That lies beyond our smiles,
No one knows how many times,
We have broken down and cried,
We want to tell you something,
So there won't be any doubt,
You're so wonderful to think of,
But so hard to be without.
We cannot bring the old days back,
When we were all together,
The family chain is broken now,
But memories live forever.*

53

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you,
So very much whatever the part.*

NON RELIGIOUS VERSES

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and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that
I leave when life is done.*

56

*Softly in the morning,
You heard a gentle call,
You took the hand God offered you,
And quietly left us all.
The day you left us Mogue
our hearts just broke in two
The smallest part is still with us,
And the biggest part with you
For the rest of our lives
we will miss you Mogue
Our secret tears still flow,
Oh, how we really loved you,
No one will ever know.
We miss your smile, your silly ways,
We miss the things you used to say,
And when the old times we do recall,
It's then we miss you most of all.
Look around your garden Lord,
And when he turns and smiles,
Put your arms around him,
And hold him for a while*

57

*Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep,
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow,
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain,
When you awaken in the
morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush,
Of quiet birds in circled flight ,
I am the soft stars that shine at night,
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there, I did not die.*

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