

Guide to Planning a Celebration of Life

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What is a Celebration of Life?

A Celebration of Life is just that—a celebration! And, like the life being celebrated, it's unique to each person.

Unlike a traditional funeral that's centered on loss, a Celebration of Life is typically a more upbeat event that focuses on **celebrating the life and impact** of a loved one who has passed.

Oftentimes, these celebrations are not held immediately after burials or cremations but rather at a later time when a person's community has had an opportunity to mourn. However, when it comes to hosting a Celebration of Life, there are no rules! Hold your event whenever it feels right for *your* community. In fact, more and more families have even started skipping funerals altogether, instead opting to host celebrations that reflect the amazing, unique life lived by their person.

After we've lost someone special, it can be hard to move beyond our grief. One of the great things about Celebration of Life events is that they allow communities to **come together and support one another**. Sharing beloved memories, reminiscing and reflecting on the joy a loved one brought into our lives can help communities begin the process of healing.

A Celebration of Life can be anything you want. (*We know, that sounds like a lot of decision-making to do!*) To make planning your event as easy and fun as possible, we've gathered together some of the best tips, most helpful advice, and loads of inspiring snapshots from our community to help you plan an authentic Celebration of Life fit for your loved one.

What type of celebration would you like to host?

You've decided to host a Celebration of Life... now what?

There is no “right” way to celebrate the special people who have impacted your life—memorial events come in all shapes and sizes! We've gathered together some popular event ideas to inspire you and to help you decide which event would be perfect for celebrating your person.

Don't hesitate to mix-and-match different event types! The best celebration is the one that feels right and authentic for your loved one, you, and your community.

Event Type	Summary
Traditional Celebrations	
<p style="text-align: center;">Religious, Spiritual, or Cultural Service</p>	<p>A lot of people assume the term “Celebration of Life” is used when someone wants to avoid religious affiliations and follow their own rites. On the contrary, Celebration of Life events are all about celebrating the unique life of a loved one and supporting those who mourn their loss. And, for many communities, religion, spirituality, cultural beliefs, and traditions are often important factors in celebrating and mourning a life.</p> <p>If incorporating elements of your community’s beliefs into the event makes it feel authentic to your loved one—go for it!</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed #000;"/> <p>Who this is great for: Groups that share a religious, spiritual, and/or cultural connection</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Candlelight Vigil</p>	<p>Held after sunset, candlelight vigils involve a group of people gathering together and lighting candles to show their love for someone who has died and support for the community that’s mourning them.</p> <p>Candlelight vigils often include a moment of silent reflection and a slate of speakers who may lead prayers or share stories of the deceased. This event is a great way to remember the life of a loved one, while also reflecting on their passing on a large scale.</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed #000;"/> <p>Who this is great for: Large groups</p>

Event Type	Summary
Casual Gatherings	
<p>Potluck Dinner</p>	<p>Potluck dinners are gatherings where each guest brings a prepared dish to share with the entire group. They can be big or small, focused on breakfast, lunch, or dinner, scheduled well in advance or spontaneous events—the possibilities are endless!</p> <hr/> <p>Who this is great for: Groups that love to gather around a meal</p>
<p>Game Night</p>	<p>Was your person a board game buff, a video game enthusiast, or a lawn game lover? Consider organizing a game night in their honor!</p> <p>Feeling extra creative? Develop a brand-new game based on the life of your person! Give your guests a chance to learn more about your person while enjoying one of their favorite activities.</p> <hr/> <p>Who this is great for: Communities that love friendly competition</p>
<p>Pub Gathering</p>	<p>Raise a glass and toast the life of your person at their favorite pub, bar, brewery, cidery, or winery. Add in a dart tournament, some wine tastings, or even a karaoke machine to make it a party your person would love!</p> <hr/> <p>Who this is great for: Brewing aficionados, wine connoisseurs, or anyone who likes to raise a glass and have a laugh</p>
Outdoor Events	
<p>Park Picnic</p>	<p>Fresh air and good friends is all you need to make a picnic a great celebration!</p> <p>Bring along some of your person’s favorite foods, drinks, and a comfy blanket and you’ll be sure to have a great time reminiscing and honoring their memory. Don’t forget your sunscreen and bug spray!</p> <hr/> <p>Who this is great for: Outdoor lovers and those looking to maintain social distancing</p>

Event Type	Summary
Outdoor Events (continued)	
Backyard BBQ	<p>Turn your backyard into the perfect BBQ celebration!</p> <p>Prep your food before the guests arrive so you're ready to grill and free to socialize. Don't forget to check ahead of time to make sure your grill has plenty of propane or you have enough charcoal handy for the whole day!</p> <p>Inviting a big group of folks? Make it a potluck BBQ and ask guests to bring their favorite side dish.</p> <p>And no backyard BBQ is complete without a few games! You can play cornhole/bags, horseshoe toss, or simply play catch with a ball.</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed #000;"/> <p>Who this is great for: Groups that love to grill or spend some time outside</p>
Beach Day	<p>Why not make your person's celebration of life feel like a relaxing vacation? Celebrate your person by heading out to your nearest beach and having some fun under the sun</p> <p>You don't even have to live near the ocean to enjoy a serene view of the water. Head to your local lake or pond and dip your toes in!</p> <p>Don't have either of those? No worries! Grab a couple kiddie pools, fill up your water guns, and enjoy a tasty beverage remembering the person who brought you all together.</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed #000;"/> <p>Who this is great for: Groups that love the water and spending time in the sun</p>
Tailgating	<p>Whether it's football, baseball, or Canada's Pillow Fight League—tailgating is a great way to celebrate a sports fan!</p> <p>Grab some snacks, some face paint and celebrate your person by cheering on their favorite sports team. Peewees, professional, or even just a pick-up game—cheer on the team loudly and proudly in honor of your person!</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed #000;"/> <p>Who this is great for: Sports lovers and athletes</p>

<i>Event Type</i>	<i>Summary</i>
Celebrations with a Charitable Goal	
<p>Memorial Athletic Event</p>	<p>Organizing a fun run, bike ride, golf outing, pick-up football game, or any type of athletic activity your person enjoyed is a great way to bring their community together and celebrate their passion.</p> <p>Kick the event up a notch by pairing it with a fundraiser for a charity or nonprofit your loved one volunteered with or cared deeply about. A donation in their honor will ensure their legacy and the organization's work continues on.</p> <p>You can even make it an annual event! There's nothing quite like getting a group of people together for a cause bigger than themselves. Pick an activity your person loved and <i>RUN</i> with it!</p> <hr/> <p>Who this is great for: Active and charitable people</p>
<p>Book Drive</p>	<p>Release your inner bookworm by organizing a book drive!</p> <p>Celebrate your person's favorite genres or authors by collecting their books and donating them to a local library, nearby charity, or directly to people in your community, all in honor of your favorite bibliophile.</p> <p>You can even organize a monthly book club or annual reading event—think short stories, poetry, or any genre your person loved—to spread your person's love of reading.</p> <hr/> <p>Who this is great for: Groups who enjoy reading</p>
<p>Community Service Outing</p>	<p>Organizing a community service outing can be a great way to bring people closer together, while also improving the community your person cared for.</p> <p>Celebrate your special person by cleaning-up litter in their old neighborhood, painting houses, or volunteering at a local soup kitchen or food pantry.</p> <p>Is there a non-profit or community group that holds a special place in your loved one's heart? Organize an annual event to support the group's mission and continue the good work your person began.</p> <hr/> <p>Who this is great for: Groups who are altruistic and enjoy philanthropy work</p>

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Adventurous Outings	
Memorial Trip or Pilgrimage	<p>Adventure is out there, so don't think that celebrations need to be confined to one space. Travel the world, explore new places, and celebrate your person's legacy by hitting all the spots they've visited or wanted to see.</p> <p>You could even make a pilgrimage to a meaningful religious or cultural site that held a special place in your person's heart. Perhaps join the Hajj to Mecca or attend a mass led by the Pope in Rome.</p> <p>Wherever and whenever you choose to go, taking a trip is a great way to honor a travel-lover.</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p><i>Who this is great for:</i> Groups who love to travel</p>
Group Hike	<p>The smell of the forest and nature can be therapeutic to many, especially outdoorsy groups. Grab your hiking boots, water bottles, and a couple snacks and embark on a group hike!</p> <p>Interacting with nature is a great way to feel connected to the world and connected to your special person. Explore your loved one's favorite wooded areas, skip rocks across the glistening creeks, and tell stories as you bond with the people you love.</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p><i>Who this is great for:</i> People who love the great outdoors</p>
Tattoo Party	<p>Hiring a talented tattoo artist for an event can be loads of fun.</p> <p>Whether you go the permanent or the temporary route, tattoos come in so many different styles that you'll be sure to find something your person would have loved. Your friends and family can even get matching tattoos to honor your loved one!</p> <p>Not feeling permanent ink? Consider custom long-term temporary tattoos!</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p><i>Who this is great for:</i> Groups who enjoy body art</p>

<i>Event Type</i>	<i>Summary</i>
Virtual Events	
<p>Virtual Celebration of Life</p>	<p>Whether it's due to a rise in local COVID cases or simply because your person's family and friends are scattered geographically, we know it can often be difficult to organize an event and get people together all in one place.</p> <p>If you're unable to bring your person's community together in-person, consider using a tool like Zoom, Facetime, or even Google Meet to safely bring friends and family together for a virtual Celebration of Life event.</p> <p><i>Think a virtual celebration may be right for your community?</i> Our team at LifeWeb 360 has created a free, comprehensive, step-by-step guide to Planning a Virtual Memorial Event that you can download here.</p> <hr/> <p>Who this is great for: People who live far away, are concerned about gathering in groups, or otherwise unable to attend a celebration in-person</p>

Planning the Celebration's Key Elements

No matter how long it's been since your loved one has passed, organizing an event of any size can feel like, well, **a lot!** Don't worry, we've got your back!

We've laid out each step of the event planning process below. Focus on tackling one step at a time and—before you know it—you'll have organized all of the key elements of your person's Celebration of Life!

And remember... the LifeWeb 360 community will be there for you, every step of the way.

Step 1: Choose a Date

When selecting a date for your event, think about special or important days in the life of your loved one. Their birthday or the anniversary of their passing would both be great times to gather their community and celebrate their memory.

You can also make the date and time of your celebration a creative nod to your loved one. Whether your person enjoyed hosting family brunch on Sundays, watching Summer sunsets, or pulling out all the stops for Halloween each year, consider hosting your event on a day or at a time that reflects the way they lived their life.

Or, choose a date that allows the largest number of your person's friends and family to attend. You can use a free scheduling tool like [LettuceMeet](#), [Doodle](#), or [Google Forms](#) to decide on a date and time that works best for the most people.

Step 2: Determine a Budget

Just as there is no "right" way to celebrate a life, there is no "right" amount you should spend on a Celebration of Life event.

Whether you prefer a more economical event or an all-out extravaganza, before you get too far into your planning, it's important to speak with any one who will be contributing financially to the Celebration of Life and agree upon a budget. By understanding how much you and yours are comfortable contributing early in the planning process, you can ensure your event remains in-budget.

(Don't forget to budget a small amount for unexpected last minute expenses and little splurges!)

Step 3: Create a Guest List

Determining the guest list is one of the most crucial steps in planning your Celebration of Life event. Deciding who and how many people you'd like to attend can impact the type of event you host, the date, location, and even cost of the celebration.

We recommend first using a mind map to brainstorm who you'd like to invite to the event before finalizing your guest list. You can use a free online tool, like [Whimsical](#), or simply grab a pen and large piece of paper to create your mind map. Begin by placing your loved one's name in the middle of the page and, one by one, create "branches" for:

- Immediate and extended family
- Out-of-town relatives
- Friends of your person
- Friends of the family
- Neighbors
- Colleagues
- Club or association friends
- Faith or community group member

After you've created your mind map, review the type of event, date, and budget you've selected. Ask yourself:

- Is the type of event you've selected accessible to the guests on your list?
- Will your guests be available on the date and at the time you've selected?
- Can the budget you've agreed upon accommodate the number of guests on your list?

Once you have a final guest list decided, you'll have a better idea of what size venues to consider.

Step 4: Select a Venue

When selecting a venue for your loved one's Celebration of Life, look for a space that reflects your person's personality—but don't forget to consider your budget and guest count, too!

Here are a few more things to consider and questions to ask when searching for the perfect venue for your loved one's Celebration of Life:

- Availability — Is the venue available on the date you've selected?
- Cost — Is the venue within your budget?
- Capacity — Is the venue large enough to accommodate your guest list?
- Location — How far will guests need to travel to attend the celebration?
- Included services and amenities — Are tables, chairs, food and beverages all included in your cost?
- Accessibility — Will all of your guests, including those that are elderly or may have difficulty moving about, be able to navigate the venue?
- Flexibility — How will the venue handle any unexpected changes in social gathering restrictions?

Need an accurate headcount for your venue?

We recommend using [Eventbrite](#) to create a free, online, RSVP page. Add a link to your RSVP page onto your loved one's LifeWeb, or include it in your invitations, and tracking RSVPs will be a snap!

Want to share or gather information from guests before the celebration?

Eventbrite makes it easy to add details and custom questions to your RSVP page. Share COVID restrictions, request contact information, and more!

Step 5: Draft Service Outline & Select Celebration Activities

If you'd like to include a service in your loved one's Celebration of Life, drafting a rough outline of the service early in the event planning process will help you identify areas where you may need assistance and give you plenty of time to recruit helpers and content contributors.

To craft a service that feels authentic to your person and community, think about what elements best capture the personality of your loved one and fit the needs of your community. If you're not quite sure where to start your outline, here are a few components members of the LifeWeb 360 community have chosen to include in their own Celebration of Life services:

- Opening remarks — This is an excellent opportunity for the celebration host, or whomever may be leading the service, to welcome guests and let them know what will happen during the service.
- Eulogy — Often filled with joyful memories, a eulogy is a great way to kick-off a celebration and encourage others to share their unique memories.
- Prayers — If faith or spirituality was important to your loved one, gathering their community in a prayer is a wonderful way to honor them.
- Readings or Songs — Including short stories, poems, songs, or even an excerpt from your person's favorite book can help personalize a Celebration of Life service.

Adding an activity (or two!) to your person's Celebration of Life is also a great way to help break the ice, get guests reminiscing, and spark memories. Organized activities don't need to be complicated. Look to your loved one's favorite hobbies for inspiration and you'll be sure to find an activity that's easy to set-up and really feels like your person.

Did they love going on bike rides? Kick-off their celebration with a group ride.

Were they always the one to organize game night? Place some of their favorite board games on each table.

Or maybe they were a dessert connoisseur? Ask each guest to bring a dessert that reminds them of your person.

Here are a few more activity ideas to help inspire you:

- Pick-up game of their favorite sport
- Photo booth
- Litter clean-up
- Karaoke
- Poker tournament
- Movie marathon
- Food tasting
- Plant trees
- Book drive
- Costume contest
- Have someone teach a mini-class
- Raise a toast
- Paint a picture
- Poetry slam
- Prayer circle
- Hike
- Create a memorial quilt
- Fun run

Step 6: Recruit Helpers, Hire Vendors, & Delegate Responsibilities

Once you've decided whether you'll be including a service or activities in your event, it's time to recruit helpers, determine who will be handling which tasks, and decide if you would like to hire any vendors to manage aspects of your event.

Here are a few roles and responsibilities we recommend you take into consideration:

- Master of Ceremonies, Celebrant, or service leader
- Special speakers for the service
- Invitation designer
- People to distribute the invitations and collect RSVPs
- Someone to collect photos and create a slideshow or collage prior to the event
- Music playlist curator
- Photographer
- Decorator for setting-up the event space before the celebration
- Clean-up crew for tidying the event space after the celebration
- Technical operator to manage any audio/visual equipment you may be using for the event

We recommend assigning one role per person to alleviate any potential stressors leading up to and during the Celebration of Life. For example, ask one person to be the Master of Ceremonies and another person to be the Technical Operator.

If possible, assign these roles to members outside the immediate family so that partners, children, parents, and siblings can be fully present during the celebration.

Depending on the type of event you've decided to host, where your event will be taking place, and your budget, you may want to hire a few vendors to minimize the work you'll have to do on the day of your event. Take a look below for a list of vendors you may be interested in hiring.

Vendors are a "nice-to-have", and are completely optional. Check-out a few alternatives below that may suit your event better. And don't be afraid to get creative!

Potential Vendors	Alternative
Caterer, food truck, or bartender	Turn your event into a potluck
Photographer	Recruit a friend or family member to be the designated photographer
D.J. or live musicians	Create a playlist using your favorite music app, like Spotify, Apple Music, or even YouTube
Photo Booth or other entertainers	DIY a photo booth using a smartphone or tablet, or have attendees use their own phones to take pictures and text to a designated photo recipient
Party rental supplier for tents, tables, chairs, etc.	Reach out to friends and family to see who may be able to lend a few items for the day of the event

Making the Event Feel Authentic to Your Person

Now that you've successfully arranged the core elements of your loved one's celebration, it's time to turn your attention to the little details that will make the event feel really authentic to your loved one. This is the really fun part and is great to do with friends and family!

When preparing for your person's Celebration of Life, remember to focus on what feels right for your loved one, you, and your community. Ask yourself, "**What would my person want?**" Make that your guiding light and you'll be sure to plan an authentic celebration that truly honors the special, unique individual your loved one was.

Design Invitations

A Celebration of Life might be a new type of event for some of your guests, especially if the mood you're aiming for is more festive than a traditional funeral. On top of telling your community when and where your person's celebration will take place, invitations can also set the tone for the event and help guests prepare for everything that's to come.

There are tons of great (and free!) tools on the web that make creating invitations a breeze. Plus, websites like [Canva](#) and [Paperless Post](#) have hundreds of invitation templates to choose from so you'll be sure to find one that suits your loved one's celebration!

Check out these useful tools for creating custom invitations:

- [Canva](#)
- [Paperless Post](#)
- [Visme](#)
- [Adobe Spark](#)
- [Design Wizard](#)
- [Easil](#)
- [Snappa](#)
- [Crello](#)
- [Stencil](#)

Whether you decide to share the details of your person's celebration through printed invitations, email, or on social media, your invitations will be personalized to perfection!

PRO TIP

Evites are a great cost saving option and make collecting RSVPs painless! Our team especially loves [Paperless Posts' "Flyer" tool](#), which allows the flexibility in sharing evites through email, text message, or via copy-pasted URL link.

Begin collecting photos & stories with LifeWeb 360

Use [LifeWeb 360](#) to immediately begin collecting photos and stories from friends and family.

LifeWebs are memorial scrapbooks built by a person's community. They allow you to easily collect photos and stories from all of the people that knew your loved one in different ways. Memories are automatically organized by "Life Thread" to make them easier to explore and build on over time.

LifeWeb highlights the beautiful things that made your loved one who they were, making it easy to tell their authentic life story.

The memories gathered on your person's LifeWeb can be used in a number of creative ways to personalize and customize their Celebration of Life. From slideshows to collages, posters to scrapbooks—the possibilities are endless!

Creating a LifeWeb for your loved one is as easy as 1-2-3! To get started:

1. [Create a LifeWeb](#) for free

LifeWebs are completely free and your memories will stay online forever.

(Check-out an example LifeWeb [here!](#))

Memories can be shared publicly or privately, and privacy settings can be updated at any time. Whether you opt for your person's LifeWeb to be public or invite-only, rest assured that all memories shared on LifeWeb 360 are reviewed prior to posting to ensure they are in the spirit of honoring your loved one. No spam, no bots, no offensive content will appear on your loved one's page.

In addition to collecting photos and stories about your loved one, a LifeWeb can also be used to share important information and event updates with your community.

Get started creating your loved one's LifeWeb [here](#).



2. Identify a few people that can get the word out

Think of the different “circles” of people your loved one was a part of—colleagues, schoolmates, faith, social, and community groups, etc. Try to identify a “captain” in each circle that can spread the word about your person’s LifeWeb and help you collect memories from others within that circle.

3. Watch a scrapbook of their life come together

Sit back and take it all in as photos and stories are shared on your loved one’s LifeWeb. Watch as the memories begin to organize by Life Thread and are built on by others.

Incorporate LifeWeb memories into the Celebration of Life event

Many LifeWeb community members have used their loved one’s LifeWeb to drive story sharing at their Celebration of Life events. Simply having a tablet or laptop open to the LifeWeb during the event has helped spark memories and encouraged guests to join in on the memory sharing out loud.

You could also use the photos shared on your person’s LifeWeb to create a slideshow! Then, set-up a television or projector and play your slideshow during the celebration.

Need some inspiration for a eulogy or Celebration of Life service? Consider incorporating or reading excerpts from the stories shared on your loved one’s LifeWeb during the event to highlight your person’s unique attributes.

Create a playlist

Music can play a big role in setting the tone for your loved one’s Celebration of Life.

When deciding what songs might be right for the event, think about how you want your person’s community to feel or the mood you’re trying to evoke—Is it celebratory or serene? Upbeat or reflective?—then select songs that make *you* feel that way.

Still not quite sure which songs to play... Focus on songs or music genres that your person loved. Were they a big rock and roll fan? Or, did they love to play piano? Think about a happy day you spent with your loved one—what songs were playing in the background?

Once you've got a good idea of the songs you'd like to play, create a playlist for the celebration by adding the songs to your favorite app or burning them onto a CD. With a playlist on hand you'll have one less thing to worry about during your event. Just start your playlist, then walk away and focus on connecting with your community.

(Hiring a DJ to manage the music? Don't forget to send them your list of songs!)

PRO TIP

Our LifeWeb 360 team loves making collaborative playlists using [Spotify](#). Not only is it easy-to-use and free, but you can have as many people as you'd like add songs to the playlist!

PLUS, with Spotify you can share your playlist with your entire community via text, email, or even through social media!

Even when the celebration has ended, everyone who loved your person can keep listening to your playlist and continue remembering your loved one!

Gather decorations & memorabilia

Was your person a huge basketball fan? Did they love all things nature and outdoors? Or maybe they were the biggest Beatles fan you knew, always ready with a lyric to fit the moment. Whatever your loved one's hobbies, passions, or driving forces may have been, include them in their Celebration of Life by decorating your event space with items that held special meaning to them.

Incorporating personalized decor can help remind your community of who your loved one was and what made them, "them!"

Looking for some inspiration? Check out these sites for creative decor you can DIY or purchase:

- [Pinterest](#)
- [Etsy](#)
- [Personalization Mall](#)
- [Zazzle](#)
- [Party City](#)
- [Amazon](#)

PRO TIP

Your space isn't the only thing that can reflect your person's personality. Invite guests to wear a team jersey, your person's favorite color, or another article of clothing that ties into the theme!

Hosting Your Event

You've planned, prepped, and organized. Now it's time to celebrate your loved one!

Tips for enjoying the event

While a Celebration of Life focuses on happy memories and the joy a loved one brought into this world, that doesn't mean it will necessarily be a tear-free event. And that's perfectly okay!

Here are a few tips to help you enjoy the celebration:

1. When challenging emotions bubble up, acknowledge them & embrace your community.

One of the great things about a Celebration of Life is that it brings communities together. When you need them, lean on your family and friends!

2. Memories spark memories.

Share each and every happy memory that pops into your head—no matter how tiny they may seem. Sharing your joyful memories will help remind others of their own happy times with your loved one and give them the confidence to share themselves.

3. Try not to worry if something isn't as you imagined.

No matter how much planning and prepping we do, there's always something that's not quite perfect. Even if you forget all the forks, or run out of chairs, or there's a little rain on the day... try to stay focused on the reason you're hosting the event—to celebrate your amazing loved one!

Seize the opportunity to create an authentic keepsake

Your loved one's life has many "threads," from the things and groups of people most important to them to how they've made others feel. While your person's community is gathered, seize the opportunity to bring those threads together to create something truly special that will last beyond the event.

Not quite sure what type of keepsake is right for your person's celebration? Here are a few ideas to inspire you:

- Record a musical piece honoring your loved one's favorite song. Have each guest sing a line or record your person's entire community singing together. Have a few musicians in your community? You can even ask them to bring their instruments and play along while you record!
- Create a garden by having each guest plant one of your person's favorite flowers or plants. Add a bench and your loved one's community can come visit and remember them for years to come!
- Layout a large canvas with some paint and ask every guest to add a word that describes your person or paint a small picture of a happy day spent with your loved one. You can even [print a custom paint-by-numbers](#) canvas of a photo of your person, grab some paint and brushes, and have everyone contribute to it.
- Ask guests to bring a photo or small object that reminds them of your person. Weave the items into a large tapestry or quilt that you can hang alongside a photo of your loved one.

The possibilities for creating an authentic keepsake are limitless. All you need is a little imagination!

Encourage guests to share memories & stories

Neighbors, colleagues, childhood schoolmates... Celebration of Life events often bring together diverse groups of people, all of whom had their own unique experiences with your loved one. With so many different threads of your person's life coming together, some folks may be reluctant to open up and share their stories aloud. Consider offering alternative ways for guests to share the joyful memories with you and your family.

Print out a small sign or informational cards with a [QR code](#) linking to your person's LifeWeb and ask guests to contribute a few photos or favorite stories. All of the memories shared on LifeWeb 360 will remain online forever. They'll be there, whenever you're ready to see them.

You could also recruit a tech-savvy friend or family member to move around the celebration recording short toasts in honor of your person. Use a tool like [VidDay](#) to easily turn your clips into a video that highlights the impact your person has had on their community. People that weren't able to attend the event can even contribute to the video!

Encourage and give all of your guests ample opportunity to share their stories with one another. Memories spark memories! And with so many different sides of your person's life coming together, you might be surprised by the new stories you hear!

After Your Event

Keep the celebration going!

Just because the Celebration of Life has come to an end doesn't mean you have to stop celebrating your loved one's life.

Easily share messages through your person's LifeWeb encouraging their community to lean into memory sharing. Invite them to help you, your family, and your person's entire community keep your loved one's spirit alive by sharing any and all memories that pop into their heads!

Share your experience with the LifeWeb 360 community

Our LifeWeb 360 community is dedicated to supporting one another. Help us build a more empathetic world by sending your thoughts, advice, and Celebration of Life photos to [Hello@LifeWeb360.com](mailto>Hello@LifeWeb360.com). Tell us what worked well for your community, what you might have done differently, and what authentic details made the celebration a true extension of your loved one's personality!

Need a helping hand?

We'll be there for you, every step of the way.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if there's anything our LifeWeb 360 team can do to help you and yours. Our entire LifeWeb 360 team considers it a great privilege to be able to walk alongside families and help communities in our small way.



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