

ABOUT OBITUARY NOTICES

An obituary is a “life sketch”—the story of one’s life from beginning to end along with pertinent details.

There is no legal requirement necessitating placement of an obituary in any newspaper or on-line. It is entirely up to the survivors or at the specific request of the deceased.

The Chinook Observer (local Long Beach paper) publishes the obituary at no charge and also includes a photo if provided. Penttila’s Chapel submits the obituary according to a format acceptable to the Observer. We take the information from the family, write it, and have the family approve prior to submission.

Other papers in the local area (Longview, Astoria, Cathlamet, South Bend) will publish but will edit to their format and may charge.

Metropolitan newspapers (Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver, etc.) will charge for any submission. These charges may be substantial as the fee is based either on a per word or per line fee. It is not unusual for these fees to be in the \$150.00 to \$400.00 (or more!) range, but these prices vary widely—BEWARE! You may wish to substantially edit the content.

Penttila’s Chapel will ONLY place obituaries in these large city or out-of-area newspapers UPON SPECIFIC REQUEST OF THE FAMILY. The family must approve the charges before they are run and though Penttila’s is usually billed, the family needs to be aware of their responsibility for such expenses. Additionally, such notices usually have a one or two day advance notice. **PLEASE NOTE: There is NO guarantee by us that the obituary will appear before any service and we take no responsibility for the actions of the individual papers.**

On-Line Obituaries

As part of our services, we place obituaries on our website www.penttilaschapel.com. This also includes a photograph and those wishing may sign the guestbook on line as well.

Should you have any questions, ask your director or call 642-8885