

Sample Messages for Matching Cards

(Feel free to edit these or write your own messages)

Poem:

*Loved ones' lives are like a song – every note rare and precious.
We feel blest to have heard the music and shared in Name's life.
Please let this gift of music be of comfort to you. Sincerely, Designated Giver's Name*

Please note that I will use the **first name** of the deceased in the poem (“shared in Mary's life”) unless you specify otherwise. Based on local preferences that others have already expressed, you might consider the following options: “shared in Ms. Mary's life” or “shared in Mrs. Smith's life” or “shared in Ms. Smith's life” or “shared in Mary Smith's life”. Please help me adapt these messages to best suit the local culture of your facility.

Note#1:

*Dear Elizabeth & Family,
We are truly sorry for your loss and hope this gift of music, in loving memory of your husband, James, will be of comfort to you. Please accept our sincere sympathy and know that our thoughts and prayers will be with you in the weeks and months ahead.
Sincerely, Designated Giver's Name*

Note#2:

*Dear John & Family,
Please accept our sincere sympathy and know that our thoughts and prayers will be with you in the weeks and months ahead. We hope this gift of music in loving memory of your mother will be of comfort to you. Thank you for letting us care for Mary.
Sincerely, Designated Giver's Name*

Please note that I will need to know the **relationship of the recipient to the deceased** resident (son, niece, wife, etc) to write either of the above notes.

Hospice Card: Alternate text for the front – “**Joining You On the Journey**”

Hospice Poem:

“Days of our lives are like a song – every note rare and precious. Thank you for inviting us to hear the refrain and to share the beauty. Please accept this gift of music – our way of saying “we care”. Sincerely, Designated Giver's Name (for ex: The Red River Valley Hospice Team)