

## Memorial/Funeral Photo Slide Show Recommendations

Slide shows are great way to remember your loved one. When scheduling the service please indicate if you would like to do a slide show when making the other arrangements. The slide shows are presented immediately before the service begins. Typically, we run the slide show for 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the service. The slide show may also be shown during the reception time after the service if requested.

### Photographs

- Photographs will form the foundation of your memorial slideshow. Aim for a selection of photos featuring your loved one at various life stages and including a range of family and friends.
- Arrange the photographs in chronological order, this will help you to ascertain if there are any gaps or imbalances in your selection.
- Try to avoid using photos of a large group of people, and focus more on the photos where your loved one is clearly featured.
- Aim for at least 30 photographs, but not more than 75.
- Submitting Photographs – We prefer to receive the photographs in digital form (jpg, png). *Do not take a picture of a photograph on your phone unless you use an app like PhotoScan [www.google.com/photos/scan/](http://www.google.com/photos/scan/).* If you need help scanning original printed photographs, we can help you do that in the church office. Photographs may be emailed, saved on a usb drive, or shared through an online service such as Dropbox.

### Music

- When considering the music you'd like to include in the funeral memorial video, think about the favorite songs of the deceased. Try to remember those songs that make you think of that person, or perhaps songs which articulate the messages you'd like to convey.
- Arrange the order of the songs to match the order of the photographs, as it is very evocative when the sounds of the music and the events of a life are depicted in alignment.
- We can select a variety of hymns for your family if you prefer.
- Submitting Music – We prefer to receive mp3 music files or a CD with your selection indicated. Or if needed we can purchase the music for your family. Please include the title and artist of each piece of music.

### Deadline

- If your family would like to put together on their own the slide show should be turned in at least two days before the service. Please submit a mp4 video file to [kimberly@saalemstlouis.com](mailto:kimberly@saalemstlouis.com).
- If the Salem staff are putting together your slide show please submit all your media at least five days before the service. Please submit your files to [kimberly@saalemstlouis.com](mailto:kimberly@saalemstlouis.com) (email, usb drive, Dropbox). A suggested honorarium is \$100-\$200 depending on the amount of work needed.