



## Other Thoughts

- We always recommend you use your last name on a card that does not list a family relationship, such as 'your sister Sue and family'.
- Plants are always appropriate when you know there is someone who will take it home to enjoy after the funeral.



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Helpful Hints about....

# Funeral Flowers

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There will be a lot of flowers at the visitation/church, is it appropriate to send something to the family home?

Absolutely. It is also appropriate to do so, when you would prefer to have one particular member of the family receive your gift/memorial.

Often times in the hubub following a service, the last thing family members think of is taking something home with them.

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To be sure,  
ordering  
flowers for a  
funeral is never  
easy.  
These  
suggestions  
may help.

## How much should one spend?

Family pieces, those that represent the family, typically range from \$125.00 to \$300.00. Your piece should reflect your relationship to the deceased, as well as the number of people sending it. If it represents several families, it most likely should be more than if it was from one couple. The type of flowers used and the container, will affect the price.



## How do you sign the card?

When a card is coming from a group of friends who are unrelated, it is customary to put them in alphabetical order.

When a card is coming from several families, all related, it is customary to put them in birth order, beginning with the eldest. If the parents are still surviving and part of the sending group, they are listed first.

Couples within families, are always listed by the child's name first and spouse, who is unrelated, other than by marriage, second.

In all instances, you can list a family without naming individual children. As an example: Sue and John Smith and family, or The John Smith Family.



## Does one have to use that ribbon?

Ribbons, or flags, are no longer considered mandatory. While they are still used 50% of the time for family pieces, rarely are they used by others. Often times, bows are not even used. It is purely your own preference, likes and dislikes.

## Traditional Arrangement

Typically front facing and fan shaped.

Made with mums, glads and carnations in a throw away container. This style has been around for years and is the best known, most used, and least liked.

## Non-traditional Arrangement

Can be in a basket, or a vase. Typically made of garden flowers, such as lillies, snapdragons, larkspur, etc.

These are the ones people most likely would take home after the service.

## Easal Piece

Always front facing, made of any flowers you choose. Most typically in the shape of a cross, shield or wreath.