



HOW TO DO A FUNERAL TRIBUTE WITH FLOWERS

End the service (usually at the grave) with a presentation using four items: a tree branch stripped of leaves, a red flower, a white flower, and greenery from a flower arrangement. The last three items may be taken from flowers at the funeral home. The script is as follows:

1. **Dead branch** – this branch’s fruit bearing days are over. It is time for this branch to go back to the earth. The same is true of our brother/sister. His/her fruit bearing days are over. The body is going back to the ground from which it came.
2. **Red flower** – this red flower represents the blood. We know that our bodies must have blood in order for there to be life. Without the blood of Jesus there is no eternal life either. The Bible says:
 - Hebrews 9:22 says, *“Without the shedding of blood there is no remission or forgiveness of sin.”*
 - Ephesians 1:7 says, *“In Jesus we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sin.”*
 - The shed blood of Jesus makes us fit to enter God’s heaven.
3. **White flower** – this white flower represents our new standing before God once we accept Jesus as our personal Savior.
 - Isaiah 1:18 says, *“Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”*
 - Romans 8:1 says, *“There is, therefore, now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus.”*
 - The songwriter said, *“And when before God’s throne, I stand in Him complete, Jesus died my soul to save, My lips shall still repeat, Jesus paid it all! All to Him I owe, Sin had left a crimson stain, But His blood washed it white as snow!”*

4. **Evergreen/Greenery** –

- As we traveled here today (January) we noticed the trees. In summer the trees are covered with leaves but in winter almost all of the trees are baren.
- But there is one exception and that is the evergreen. The evergreen is as beautiful today as it is in the summer.
- This evergreen represents heaven, a land where our brother/sister will never grow old.
- Heaven is a place where the leaves never fade because there is no aging or death there. It is a place where all of us can go if we know Jesus as our personal Savior.
- One preacher asked his people to make a list of everything that was wrong with them then number the list! Then write “No More” at the top of the list because Heaven is a land where that list will be no more!
- So picture our brother/sister in that land! A body that will never be sick again!