When someone you love dies, you don't stop loving them – that relationship is always part of you.

It's normal to be sad or even angry sometimes, but it's also normal for these feelings to come and go: you won't be sad all the time. Everyone experiences grief differently – there's no right or wrong way to feel.

Don't be afraid to talk to your family or other people you trust about your grief. They will probably be missing your _____ too.

If you have any memories you'd like to share or if you want to ask any questions, you can call or text me. Your _____ have my contact details.

Your logo

Hello, my name is _____.

Photo of Celebrant

I will be leading the service for your _____'s funeral.

I'm sending you this booklet to tell you a bit about what will happen on the day so that you know what to expect.

When you arrive at the crematorium on _____, this is where everyone will gather. I will already be there and will meet you outside.

Outside of venue

Your _____'s coffin will go to the funeral in the back of a specially-designed car called a hearse. You may have seen one before but, in case you haven't, it looks like this:



I will lead the bearers, who carry your ____, in ___ coffin, into the chapel. You and the family will follow behind them and the funeral director, ___, will show you to your seats.

Inside of venue

The service will consist of a eulogy (the story of ___ life), some music and poems, and the committal (the part of the service where we'll say goodbye to ___ all together). The coffin will be on the altar (called the catafalque) at the front.

You may expect that the service will be very solemn, but this isn't usually the case. Of course you will feel sadness, but it's likely that people will smile or laugh a bit too, and that's perfectly normal and fine. After all, we're there to remember your _____'s life, and you all have a lot of happy memories of ____.