

# Memorial Capstone Project Idea #1

## Memories That Last: Photo or Video Memorial



Once someone has passed on, their family is left only with the memories they shared. By creating a picture collage or video montage from these moments, you will leave them with a special keepsake that they can turn to for comfort and celebration of their loved one's life.

### Checklist:

- Physical or digital copies of pictures from family.
- For collage:
  - Poster board, scrapbook, or other format to create collage
  - Glue, double sided tape, or plastic folders to hold the pictures in
- For video:
  - Any voice recordings of stories about the person's life from family members OR background music
  - Video creation software for your computer (Animoto, Microsoft Video Editor, Adobe Spark, etc.)

### Project Steps & Timeline:

1. Establish a point of contact with the family you will be helping. This may be done through *because I said I would* acting as a liaison if the family does not wish to have personal contact.
2. Once the contact is established, either through email or on the phone, ask the family member the following:
  - Will a collage or video of the pictures be best?
  - In what format will the pictures be shared with me? (ie. Digital or hard copies) (Note: make sure that you will be using copies of the original pictures. Arrange to have them either send you copies of create copies of them yourself.)

- **For video:** Would you like to include recordings of stories from family members or just have music?
  - **For collage:** Are there any physical requirements for the collage based on where you are planning to keep it? (ie. Should it be able to be framed or would you prefer a book?)
- 2. For the picture collage, follow these steps:**
- Once you have the copies of the original pictures, arrange them in the format that you and the family decided would be best. It will be best to lay them out and arrange them a few times before beginning to secure them.
  - Include quotes about remembrance, notes from family members, or other creative pieces along with the pictures.
  - Make sure the end product will last by either laminating the poster/pages in the scrapbook, framing the collage, or another way
- 3. For the video, follow these steps:**
- Scan and upload the pictures to your computer if not provided digital copies.
  - Spend some time reviewing the photos and arranging them in a way that will tell the best story.
  - Select music that will enhance the pictures OR include recordings of family members telling stories. You could include these as separate videos within the photo sequence or as a voiceover as the pictures are shown.
  - Save the video as a sharable file and/or on a disc or thumb drive so that it can be easily given to the family.
4. Send the family the final product with a personalized note.

## **Best Practices:**

- Be very careful when handling the original pictures if they are provided to you
- Be creative and think outside the box when adding elements to the final product, but make sure that it is aligned with what the family wants.

## **Reminders:**

- While we want to share the story of the family you are supporting to help inspire others to donate, we also want to respect their privacy, so no posting photos or details unless they give us permission to do so

## **Requirements for Project Completion:**

- Once the product is finalized, either take a picture of the collage or save a copy of the video as evidence for your Capstone review.
- Write a short reflection answering the following questions:
  - How do you feel this project affected the family or individual you helped?
  - How did the project help you?
  - What advice would you give to other people who are comforting a bereaved family/individual?
- Submit both your evidence and reflection on Google Classroom in the "Capstone Project: Final" assignment before the due date