



New Era Church

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***When a member dies:* BEREAVEMENT POLICY**

Our mission is to serve our church family in their time of need.

We, the Senior Pastor, and the entire New Era Church (NEC) family join in prayer with you as you grieve the loss of your loved one.

Please have a member of the immediate family to contact the church office (317) 923-5644. We will do our best to contact the family within 24 hours of being notified.

BEREAVEMENT GUIDELINES

Member Bereavement Guidelines:

NEC does not rent its facilities out for the use of funerals to individuals outside of the scope of the policies and procedures set forth in this document. Within the confines of this policy you will find that NEC opens its doors for Christian Burial to the following:

- *Approval for all visitation/wakes and funeral services held at NEC must be approved by the Senior Pastor or designated personnel.*
- *The church will prepare a resolution and a name plate will be made for each church member for our memorial wall.*
- *New Era Church will send a token of love in the instance of death of an immediate family member (i.e. – parents, spouse, and children)*
- *The church will prepare a love meal for fifty family members of the deceased. ALL love meals will be served at NEC. The family is welcome to bring food in for the love meal. Our Culinary Ministry will be notified in advance when a meal is to be prepared.*
- *The Musician, Choir or Soloist, Welcome Team, Audio Visual Ministry and Associate Ministers will be provided for wakes and funeral services held at NEC. In the event the family wishes to use another soloist or musician, we must be notified 24 hours in advance.*
- *All services will be officiated and eulogy conducted by Senior Pastor or designated personnel.*

- *All programs must be approved by appropriate Pastoral staff conducting the services.*
- *The order of service will be followed as it is printed in the program. Last minute changes are not allowed as it distorts the flow and sanctity of the service.*
- *Tributes – each will be held to a two-minute maximum, individuals presenting must be designated and preprinted in the program*
- *Multimedia Ministry is only available upon request (72 hours) in advance.*
- *The family is required to meet with Pastoral staff prior to the services being held*

Casket Closing Policy:

- *We give death no victory, it is the church's policy that the casket be closed at some point during the early part of the services. Once it is closed it will not be reopened.*
THERE IS NO EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE! *The scripture is very clear that death has no victory, therefore we culminate the service and recess in victory!*

“... flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God...”
1 Corinthians 15:50

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