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Music: Appropriate music is suggested but not required.

Instructions: *This ceremony may be used to celebrate the life of a deceased member. An officer may read the service and someone who knew the member very well may present the eulogy.*

Presider: The celebration of a person's life recalls the person now gone who has left us with wonderful memories. These women we honor today have lived a full life as professionals and as members of Delta Kappa Gamma. They were educators who changed the lives of the children, parents and professionals with whom they came in contact. They were educational leaders. They will be missed, but have they left us with nothing but tears? No, they have left us a legacy that we must embrace, the mission of our Society, to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Speaker #1:

Guiding Memories

You can shed tears that she is gone or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and wish that she'll come back or you can open your eye and see all she's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember only that she's gone or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

by David Harkin

Option It is suggested that her personal life as an educator, member and friend be described by someone who knew her well. After this eulogy, the presider continues.

Speaker #2:

Remembering

In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember her.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember her.

In the opening buds and in the warmth of summer, we remember her.

In the rustling of leaves and the beauty of autumn, we remember her.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember her.

When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember her.

When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember her.

When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember her.

So long as we live, she too shall live, for she is now a part of us as we remember her.

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At its conclusion, the presider places a rose in a vase.