



# EMPOWERED WIDOW

Thrive and Live Your Next Greatest Chapter

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**The daughter of a widow & a widow myself:  
an Expert in going from Pain to Purpose**



## *Memorial Service Guide*

To complete the following forms, please print neatly using ink. Neither the funeral home, its employee, nor its printer agents. Empowered Widow, will be responsible for incorrect spelling, typographical errors, grammatical errors or omissions. Information to be included on service folders will appear exactly as provided by you, to the best of our ability. If you have any questions, please give us a call at (510) 314-8331.

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# About Us

**La Tanyua Thompson**, owner/creator of Divine Glory, is passionate about captivating memories of love, in print. Though no one ever wants to imagine having to say goodbye to a loved one, everyone knows that, in this life, it is an experience we will all encounter someday. The inception of Divine Glory began during a time that La Tanyua and her family were experiencing that very thing. In the midst of losing her sister-in-law, Denise, their family decided to create their own programs (obituaries). La Tanyua took on this task. She wanted to make sure that Denise's story was told through a heartfelt tribute and that everyone combing through these pages, would remember her sister's life. While La Tanyua was suffering a loss, she also found her gift.

La Tanyua's husband, George, encouraged her to cultivate and pursue what soon became their shared vision. One short year later, in 2004, La Tanyua would be creating another heartfelt tribute of a life well lived. This time it would be for George. The very person she turned to for encouragement and support, she was now grieving. Though devastated by his passing, she realized that he lived his life to the fullest and won his battle with cancer because he was now pain free. In honor of her husband and sister-in-law, La Tanyua continued to do just as George advised; pursue the vision. In 2006, Divine Glory manifested. Divine Glory, a company whose name honors the memory of the ones she loved, is a gentle reminder of why she started. The establishment is now a well sought-after business because of its integrity, heartfelt storytelling and uncanny ability to intertwine love and loss.

La Tanyua wanted to create a deeper and more meaningful experience for her clients. Being no stranger to loss, she began to establish genuine connections and supreme quality services. She realized that this labor of love was a divine assignment. Beginning at the tender age of seventeen, this journey began to unfold with the unexpected death of her stepfather. Watching her mother transform from wife to widow in a matter of a moment, La Tanyua didn't know this reality would also be hers seventeen years later. She has taken her personal experiences of pain and catapulted them into purpose. Her understanding and compassion for those walking through grief became the nucleus of her life's work. As she began telling her story and speaking on many public platforms, she also began to recognize a tremendous need to support, encourage and coach individuals and families of diverse backgrounds and needs. thus, birthing a greater vision and new name, Empowered Widow. It's a name that personifies who she is and that speaks clearly to her mission.

In 2017, Driven By Destiny Companies was founded and houses Empowered Widow, I Cherish Today, Next Level Living and The Total Woman. La Tanyua established Driven By Destiny as the catalyst for the greater vision and imperative ministry God has given her.

Whether it is individual/group coaching, consulting or creating memories of a lifetime through an unforgettable program (obituary) or capturing those special moments in a DVD Photo Montage, Driven By Destiny and its family of companies is here to support you with integrity, quality and a heart to serve.

# *A Guide to Funeral Programs*

## **What is a Funeral Program?**

A Funeral Program can be referred to as a Funeral Brochure, Pamphlet or Obituary. In all cases it is the printed document that is given out during the Funeral/Memorial Services that outlines the key points from Summarizes the Life Achievements of your deceased loved one, Order of Service and acknowledgements.

## **The Layout**

The Funeral Program usually consists of four main sections; First the Front Cover/Main Tribute page, Following after that the Order of Service, Then the Written Obituary, and Lastly the Back Cover.

## **Cover / Main Tribute**

The Front Cover, also known as the Main Tribute, is the first section on the Funeral Program therefore it contains the Basics and Most Important Information regarding the deceased. Information such as the full legal name as well as nicknames of the deceased, Date of Birth and Death, Date/Time and location of funeral service. The front cover will also be personalized with a photo of the deceased and can include a famous saying/biblical verse.

## **Written Obituary**

An Obituary is where the deceased life is highlighted in a biography providing important information about the deceased; the date of birth, place of birth, parents name, education, church history, work history, achievement/accomplishments, interests/hobbies, associations of organizations, military ranking and credentials. It will also include their closest relationships (spouse, children, immediate family, lifetime friends).

Empowered Widow recommend prior to sending information over that you verify content with pastor, family members, friends, and colleagues.

## **Order of Service**

The Order of Service follows after the written obituary, this page contains important information about how the service will flow from beginning to end. This portion may vary based on different customs of religions, cultures and usually according to the deceased's' final wishes. When completing this page, we recommend contacting the Officiating Minister/Eulogist/Pastor, Church Secretary or the funeral home. A typical Order of Service will include: Processional, Opening Prayer, Scripture Reading, Musical Selections, Acknowledgments Cards & Condolences, Remarks, Poem, Special Tribute, Praise Dancers, DVD Photo Montage, Obituary, Eulogy, Parting View and Recessional.

## **Back Cover**

The Back Cover is the final section which includes Active and Honorary Pallbearers, Acknowledgments, Tribute Poem, Funeral Home, Interment (Burial) and Repast. This portion is a recognition and thank you to those whom have contributed to the service.

**Please Note** that the funeral program should capture/reflect the impacting life moments and memories of the deceased. It is a special tribute/keepsake that is usually passed on from generation to generation in honor and in memory of the deceased.

# Front Cover

☐ In Loving Remembrance of   ☐ Homegoing Celebration   ☐ In Loving Memory of   ☐ Celebrating the Life of

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Sunrise \_\_\_\_\_   ☐ Entered this Life \_\_\_\_\_   ☐ Sunset \_\_\_\_\_   ☐ Departed this Life \_\_\_\_\_

## Service Information

Day of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Place: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Zip)

Officiating: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Small Standards   ☐ Small Booklets   ☐ Large Standard   ☐ Large Booklets   ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Number of programs: \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Home: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Zip)

Director's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# Obituary Page

[Full name] \_\_\_\_\_ was born in [city/state of birth] \_\_\_\_\_  
on [date of birth] \_\_\_\_\_.

[He/she] confessed Christ at an early age uniting with [church name] \_\_\_\_\_  
where [he or she] was baptized by [Pastor Name] \_\_\_\_\_.

[He/she] \_\_\_\_\_ graduated from [name of high school] \_\_\_\_\_  
and continued on to receive a [type of degree] \_\_\_\_\_ from [name of  
school] \_\_\_\_\_.

[First name] \_\_\_\_\_ met and later married [spouse's name] \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on [wedding date] \_\_\_\_\_; they were married  
\_\_\_\_\_ years. From this union was born (\_\_\_\_\_) son (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and (\_\_\_\_\_) daughter (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

[First name] \_\_\_\_\_ worked as a [job title] \_\_\_\_\_  
for [name of company] \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ [years] until [he/  
she] retired in \_\_\_\_\_.

[He/she] enjoyed [hobbies and interests] \_\_\_\_\_.

[First name] \_\_\_\_\_ is preceded in death by [names of family that passed away be  
fore]. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

[First name] \_\_\_\_\_ is survived by [spouse] \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) children \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) grandchildren \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ parents \_\_\_\_\_,  
(\_\_\_\_\_) brother (s) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) sister (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, (\_\_\_\_\_) nieces and (\_\_\_\_\_) nephews. And a host of other  
relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

**Please number each item on the left to indicate the order for service. You will also need to include the name of selections, as well as the names of person on the right.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Processional \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Scripture Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Old Testament: \_\_\_\_\_ Read by: \_\_\_\_\_

New Testament: \_\_\_\_\_ Read by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Musical Selection: \_\_\_\_\_

(Selection Name) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Acknowledgment of Cards/Condolences \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Obituary (Read Silently) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Musical Selection: \_\_\_\_\_

(Selection Name) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Eulogy \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Parting View \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Recessional \_\_\_\_\_

**Please add the following to order of service:**

\_\_\_\_\_ DVD Photo Montage \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Musical Selection \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Poem \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Praise Dancer \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Special Tribute \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Resolutions \_\_\_\_\_

# Back Cover

## *Active Pallbearers*

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

## *Acknowledgment*

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## *Arrangement Entrusted To*

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## *Interment*

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## *Repast*

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# DVD Form



*Honoring the one you loved. Empowered Widow is offering you the opportunity to do just that with a customize DVD Photo Montage. Your pictures are set to music and will transition beautifully from one image to the next, enhancing the experience by adding motion and heartfelt songs to capture the emotion.*

*A DVD Photo Montage is elegant and creative way to share life precious memories with family and friends. You and your loved ones will have the opportunity to share and secure those heartfelt memories of once in a lifetime moments.*

*This DVD will help you cherish your loved one's memories for years to come! It's as if one more footprint is left in the sand, and another chance given to say their peaceful good-byes.*

Contact Person Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Decease: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunrise Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunset Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Home Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Song and Artist Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Song and Artist Name

*Images should be photos only (up to 50 photos) and numbered on the back in succession. Your choice of music provided to us on CD, or from our stock library music. Opening and closing title (name of loved one, date of birth and death) 3 business days turnaround from the time we receive all the materials. Each DVD will play continuously (loop all) at the visitation if requested.*

\$1.00 each additional photo

\$5.00 each additional song

\$10.00 each additional DVD

The number of additional DVDs \_\_\_\_\_

