

Subject: Graveside Service

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A human being's earthly body is a sacred temple in which he dwells and when he leaves it for a new experience – in a higher life – it is fitting that the former temple is honored. And so, we do now commit with love, this body unto the elements from which it came. Knowing that the spirit is no longer contained within it. And as we do, we realize that in so doing, we are honoring the memory of our dear one, _____, who has gone before. We realize that the spirit of our beloved _____ goes into a more glorious experience, and shall continue on its upward journey, into a more beautiful expression of eternity.

From the Psalms: whither shall I go from thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there...if I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yes, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth, as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

Do not stand at my grave and weep

I am not there, I do not sleep

I am a thousand winds that blow

I am the diamond glint on snow,

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you wake in morning hush,

I am the swift uplifting rush – (release bird)

Of a quiet bird in circling flight.

I am the soft starlight at night.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.

I am not there, I do not sleep.

God's natural beauty is all about us and our thoughts are of living spirit, which
_____ truly is. We know that now s/he is free and until we meet again,
we say thank you God. And so it is. Amen.