

# In Lieu of Flowers: A Thoughtful Guide to Funeral Donations

When a loved one passes away, it is customary to send flowers to the funeral home or family. While flowers are a beautiful and thoughtful gesture, they can also be expensive and perishable. In recent years, it has become increasingly common for families to request donations to a charity in lieu of flowers.



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## Why In Lieu of Flowers?

There are many reasons why families may choose to request donations to a charity in lieu of flowers. Some families may feel that a charitable donation is a more meaningful way to honor the memory of their loved one. Others may wish to support a cause that was important to the deceased. And still others may simply want to avoid the expense and hassle of flowers.

## **How to Choose a Charity**

If a family has not specified a charity, you may choose to donate to a cause that was close to the deceased's heart. You can also consider donating to a charity that provides support to the family during their time of grief.

Here are some tips for choosing a charity:

- Research the charity to make sure it is reputable and that your donation will be used effectively.
- Consider the deceased's interests and values when selecting a charity.
- Make sure the charity is able to accept donations in the deceased's name.

## **How to Make a Donation**

There are several ways to make a donation in lieu of flowers:

- You can make a donation online through the charity's website.
- You can mail a check or money order to the charity.
- You can call the charity to make a donation over the phone.

Be sure to include the following information when making your donation:

- The name of the deceased
- The name of the charity
- The amount of your donation
- Your contact information

## What to Say in a Sympathy Card

If you are sending a sympathy card, you may include a note about your donation in lieu of flowers. Here is an example of what you could write:



***“Dear [family name],***

***I was so saddened to hear about the passing of [deceased's name]. I know that this is a difficult time for you and your family.***

***In lieu of flowers, I have made a donation to [charity name] in [deceased's name]. [Charity name] is a charity that [deceased's name] was passionate about, and I know that your donation will be used to make a difference in the lives of others.***

***With heartfelt sympathy,***

***[Your name]”***

Donating to a charity in lieu of flowers is a thoughtful and meaningful way to honor the memory of a loved one. By following the tips in this guide, you can help make a difference in the lives of others while also providing support to the family during their time of grief.

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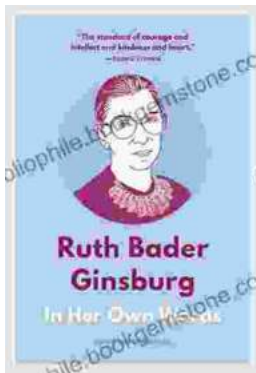
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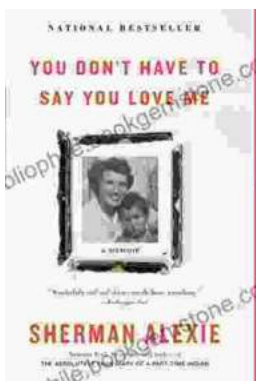


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