

Newspaper Obituary Assignment

Directions: Follow this outline and view the sample of an obituary (following the outline) if you choose this option.

NEWSPAPER OBITUARY TEMPLATE

Date of Death

Headline

Byline (Your Name)

1. Name and Age

- Deceased's first name, middle name, nickname (optional), last name and age (optional).
- Picture or image of the person.

2. Location – city and country

3. Date of Death - include day, month (if known), and year

4. Place of Death - At home, in a hospital, on the battlefield etc.

5. Cause of Death - Passed away suddenly, died in his/her sleep, etc.

6. Education- Who taught him/her, what, if anything

7. Occupation - Job title. Optionally include previous jobs.

8. Hobbies and Interests- List hobbies, interests, etc.

9. Accomplishments and Awards

- Describe all notable accomplishments and awards received
- A quotation by the person about one of his accomplishments
- A quotation from someone about the person

10. Military Service - List the dates and branches of service as well as the number of years served.

11. Marriage - Spouse's name and date of marriage. Optionally include the spouse's maiden name and hometown

12. Survivors - Names and cities of survivors. Include parents, siblings, children

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Example of an obituary:

May 20, 1994

OBITUARY

Death of a First Lady ; Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Dies of Cancer at 64

By ROBERT D. McFADDEN

“Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, the widow of President John F. Kennedy and of the Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis, died of a form of cancer of the lymphatic system yesterday at her apartment in New York City. She was 64 years old.

Mrs. Onassis, who had enjoyed robust good health nearly all her life, began being treated for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in early January and had been undergoing chemotherapy and other treatments in recent months while continuing her work as a book editor and her social, family and other personal routines.

Mrs. Onassis was surrounded by friends and family since she returned home from the hospital on Wednesday. After she died at 10:15 P.M. on Thursday, Senator Edward M. Kennedy's office issued a statement saying: "Jackie was part of our family and part of our hearts for 40 wonderful and unforgettable years, and she will never really leave us."

Although she was one of the world's most famous women -- an object of fascination to generations of Americans and the subject of countless articles and books that re-explored the myths and realities of the Kennedy years, the terrible images of the President's 1963 assassination in Dallas, and her made-for-tabloids marriage to the wealthy Mr. Onassis -- she was a quintessentially private person, poised and glamorous, but shy and aloof.

Talks about her education. There are many paragraphs about all her accomplishments.

Mrs. Onassis is survived by her daughter, Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg; a son, John F. Kennedy Jr.; her sister, Lee Radziwill Ross, and three grandchildren, Rose Kennedy, Tatiana Celia Kennedy and John Bouvier Kennedy Schlossberg.