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Here is a Memorial Program that I used in our Chapter when I was Worthy Patron 2 years ago. I have also put it in the files section for archival purposes.

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 Memorial Ceremony

Worthy Matron:

We mourn the loss of our loved ones. It is deeply oppressing to know that someone real and fine has gone from us. But, in contemplation we are comforted by the memories that are cherished and are dear to us. (***)
 WM gives 3 raps of gavel to call up the Chapter)

Chaplain: (Kneeling at Altar)

Our Father, in this hour, when our memory recalls those whose spirits have found release from earthly toil and care, bless us and our loved ones who have walked through the shadows. Bestow Thy special blessing upon this service. May it be a means of bringing us closer together in Thy Name. Amen.

(* WM gives 1 rap of gavel to seat the Chapter after Chaplain returns to station)

WP: (Reads list of members who have died during the past year)

(The Star Point Officers stand in unison)

Adah:

There is an open gate at the end of life
 Through which each must pass alone.
 And there in a light we cannot see
 God our Father claims His own.
 (places flower on Altar)

Ruth:

Not broken ties but a veil between
 Our earthly sight and that world unseen;

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A little time to wait while loved ones there
Keep silent watch until we too can share
The perfect peace, the perfect love
Known to those who dwell above.
(places flower on Altar)

Esther:
Out of the shadows of sadness
Into the sunshine of gladness,
Out of this land so dreary
Out of this world so weary
Into the light of the blest
Into the haven of rest.
(places flower on Altar)

Martha:
To a heavenly garden they have gone,
To a land of perfect love;
They have left our earthly dwelling
For a home beyond the sea;
Though they are gone
They still live on
In our garden of memory.
(places flower on Altar)

Electa:
Fast as the rolling seasons bring
The hour of fate to those we love
Each pearl that leaves the broken string
Is set in friendship's crown above.
(places flower on Altar)

(The Star Point Officers are seated in unison)

Worthy Matron:
Knowing that they dwell in the Garden of Love, let us not mourn, but
be lifted up. And when our earthly mission is done, and He gently bids us
come, may we trustfully join Him, and like our departed loved ones,
faithfully follow him home.

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