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Planning a memorial service is an important step in honouring a loved one's life. It provides an opportunity for family and friends to come together, share memories, and celebrate the person's unique journey. Here's a step-by-step guide to help you plan a meaningful memorial:

Date: Select a time that allows family and friends to attend. Memorials can be held days, weeks, or

Choose the Date and Location

even months after the passing.
Date:
Location: Consider places that were meaningful to the deceased. Options include a home, a favourite park, a beach, a religious or community venue, or even a funeral home's chapel.
Location:
Additional Notes:

Decide on the Type of Service

Traditional Memorial: Typically more formal and includes speeches, prayers, or rituals.

Celebration of Life: Focuses on celebrating the person's life with stories, music, and laughter.

Unique Event: Activities, hobbies, or themes that reflect the person's passions (e.g., planting a tree, releasing balloons, etc.).

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Personalize the Service

Music: Choose songs that were significant to your loved one or that evoke the right tone. Readings/Prayers: Select readings, poems, or prayers that reflect the individual's beliefs or personality. Photos and Videos: Create a slideshow or video montage to showcase their life. Memory Table/Board: Set up a display with their favourite items, photos, and mementos. Planning:

Create a Program or Order of Service

Include the sequence of events: Welcome, speeches, music, readings, and closing.

Consider who will speak and what roles family or friends will play (e.g., delivering a eulogy, reading, or prayer).

Order of Service:	

Inviting Attendees

Invitation List: Decide if the memorial will be private or open to the community.

Announcements: Use phone calls, emails, social media, or an obituary to inform people of the event.

Memorial Keepsakes

Consider providing guests with keepsakes such as memorial cards, candles, or personal tokens that reflect the individual's life and legacy.

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Reception or Gathering

Plan a reception after the memorial service to allow guests to share memories in a more relaxed setting. It can be at the memorial location or a nearby home or venue.

Organize food and refreshments. You can either cater or ask attendees to bring a dish in memory of the loved one.

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Final Plan	

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