

Memorials at Cedar Lane

Whether you're planning a simple gathering or elaborate ceremony, Cedar Lane offers warm, light-filled spaces that adapt to fit the needs of you and your loved ones.

Our spaces provide a welcoming setting for memorials, celebrations of life, and remembrance services.

With caring staff and ministers, we honor diverse faiths, traditions, and spiritual paths. Here you'll find room for grief and gratitude, remembrance and renewal, surrounded by beauty.



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Celebration of Life Package

Our memorial and celebration of life packages are all-inclusive, making booking and planning easy. Each package is for five-hours, includes a room for the service and for the reception, a private gathering room for family, and access to the catering kitchen. We have 125 parking spaces.



SANCTUARY

starting at

\$2,850

- Seating for up to 200 guests
- Weekend, Fri-Sun (+\$650)
- 5 hours

CHAPEL

starting at

\$2,200

- Seating for up to 75 guests
- Weekend, Fri-Sun (+\$600)
- 5 hours

ALL PACKAGES INCLUDE

- Ministerial consultation (30 minutes)
- Reception in Fellowship Hall
- Library for gathering space
- Catering Kitchen
- Basic AV support
- Tables and Chairs
- Venue set-up and clean up

EXTRAS AND ADD-ONS

- Accompanist \$300
- Minister Services \$500
- Live Streaming and Recording
(Sanctuary Only) \$950
- Additional Hours \$250/hr

**SCHEDULE A TOUR
WITH US TODAY!**

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When Planning a Memorial...

9 THINGS TO CONSIDER



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Planning a memorial or celebration of life can be a daunting task. In our experience, these are the questions to consider when beginning your journey. Ready to move forward? Our Ministers and Memorial Coordinator are here to help.

- 1. The People:** Who is officiating? Are there any family members or other individuals you'd like involved in speaking or as usher?
- 2. The Tone:** Will you have a formal, traditional service, or something more informal? How will this be reflected in the service?
- 3. Religious Elements:** Is there a particular religious identity or belief that you would like incorporated?
- 4. The Space:** Would you like to create a memory wall or table? Will there be a guest book or receiving line?
- 5. The Music:** Are there particular pieces, arrangements, or musical elements you would like to incorporate?
- 6. The Program:** Are there specific photos, quotes, or other details you would like included?
- 7. The Vendors:** Will you have food or drinks for guests? A sit-down lunch or a coffee hour? Who will deliver and serve it? Will there be flowers?
- 8. The Guests:** How many are expected? Will guests need supportive listening devices, reserved rows, a translator, or other accessibility support? Are there young families attending?
- 9. Virtual Participation:** Will there be live streaming and recording? If so, will someone be responsible for overseeing the online chat and sending virtual programs?

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Cedar Lane Memorial Support Staff

Our team is ready to assist you

When you work with Cedar Lane, you receive hands on support from our Memorial Coordinator who serves as logistical guide for the event. A 30-minute ministerial consultation is included in your package. Additionally, Cedar Lane staff (listed below) are ready to support in a formal capacity as needed.



Reverend Abhi Janamanchi: Cedar Lane's senior minister since 2013, Rev. Abhi is a Hindu-Unitarian Universalist who is deeply engaged in interfaith and justice-centered ministry. As a cornerstone of the Cedar Lane community, he is ready to explore and develop a meaningful service that is reflective of the life your loved one led.



Reverend Dayna Edwards: As Cedar Lane's Minister of Faith Formation, Rev. Dayna spends her time developing programming for children, youth, and adults with a particular focus on supporting our multifaith and multi-racial community. She regularly oversees memorial services for the Cedar Lane community and beyond.



Accompanist Jasmin Lee: The lead pianist and organist for Cedar Lane since 2014. Jasmin received her Masters and Doctorate in Piano Performance at the University of Maryland, College Park. She is ready to support you in selecting and refining pieces that speak to your family members legacy and align with your memorial vision.

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Celebrating a Life

Questions to inspire memory or reflection

The following set of questions are taken from the Spiritual Autobiography exercise in the Unitarian Universalist Building Your Own Theology Course, and can be adapted to suit planning for any type of memorial or celebration of life.

1. **Life Functions in Space:** Identify the places in which significant things have happened to your loved one.
2. **All Life is Meeting Others:** Who are the three or four people who have had the greatest impact on your loved one's life? How did they enter their life, and why did it matter?
3. **Experiences Shape Us:** What were two to three formative experiences in your loved one's life? What made them so important?
4. **We Live in Communities:** Which communities, religious or not, have had a lasting influence on your loved one? What was their part in them?
5. **We are all Choosing Creatures:** What were some of the happiest memories in your loved one's life? What were some of the saddest?
6. **A Master Story:** Each of us has one - a theme that summarizes our life's endeavor. What are some common threads or values that stretched throughout your loved one's life?
7. **Additional Questions for Reflection:**
 - What was your loved one passionate about?
 - What were they most proud of?
 - What was their greatest regret?
 - How do you think your loved one would want to be remembered?
 - What are the truths of your loved one that remain and endure in your memory?





Survivor's To-Do List

What to do when a loved one dies

- ☐ Notify friends and family.
- ☐ Check for organ or body donation wishes. There are often contained in an advance directive.
- ☐ Contact a funeral home or cremation service as needed.
- ☐ Get duplicate death certificates and records, as well as a virtual file.
- ☐ Select a location for the service and a minister or facilitator.
- ☐ Begin arrangements for the service
 - Contact the venue and minister
 - Choose a time and date
 - Reserve the space
 - Plan for food & flowers as needed
 - Invite guests, spread the word
- ☐ Prepare and submit an obituary with service details and suggestions for memorial contribution.
- ☐ Keep a record of calls, visits, food, offers of help; who sends cards, flowers, donations so that you can thank them later.
- ☐ Arrange hospitality for visiting family and friends as needed.
- ☐ Notify the:
 - Executor, lawyer, financial advisor
 - VA as needed
 - Life Insurance companies, health insurance, medicare
 - Social Security, employer, other sources of income as needed
 - Credit agencies (x3)
 - Election board
- ☐ Cancel the:
 - Drivers license and/or government issued ID
 - Credit cards
 - Email/internet based accounts
 - Membership in organizations
 - Subscriptions
- ☐ If your loved one lived alone:
 - Protect valuables and take precautions against intruders.
 - Arrange for payment of immediate bills, utilities, landlord.
 - Arrange for yard and pet care, household help as needed.
 - File a change of address with the USPS or plan to collect the mail regularly.
 - Alert neighbors.