

A Memorial Ceremony

This is a memorial ritual to honor your loved ones who have passed on. This memorial can be done at a family gathering to acknowledge and celebrate the life of loved ones who have died. Each family member can light a candle while others share the words below. I hope it touches your heart as it has mine.

As we light these candles in honor of you, we light one for our grief, one for our courage, one for our memories, and one for love.

- 1. This candle represents our grief. The pain of losing you is intense. It reminds us of the depth of our love for you.*
- 2. This candle represents our courage-to confront our sorrow - to comfort each other - to change our lives.*
- 3. This candle is in your memory - the times we laughed, the times we cried - the times we were angry with each other – the silly things you did, the caring and joy you gave us.*
- 4. This light is the light of love. As we gather together we cherish the special place in our hearts that will always be reserved for you. We thank you for the gift your living brought to each of us. We love you.*

(Original author unknown)



