

THANK YOU CARD POEMS

LP 600 Time

During a time like this we learn how much our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be treasured.

LP 601 Expression

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

LP 602 Kindness

Thank you sincerely for your thoughtful kindness at a time when it was deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

LP 603 Smile

A friendly smile, a casual touch, these are the things that mean so much, to know you are with us in our time of sorrow, sharing our prayer, today and tomorrow, God gives us comfort in the form of good friends, may His peace be with you, His love never ends.

LP 604 Perhaps

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray. If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that anyone could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much.

VERSES, PRAYERS, AND POEMS

LP 200 Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen



LP 202 Do Not Grieve

When I must leave you for a little while, please do not grieve and shed wild tears, and hug your sorrow through the years.
But start out bravely with a gallant smile; and for my sake and in my name, live on and do all things the same.
Feed not your loneliness on empty days, but fill each waking hour in useful ways.
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer and I in turn will comfort you and hold you near.
And never, never be afraid to die.
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

LP 201 Love Lives On

Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone.

Those we love can never be more than a thought apart, for as long as there is memory, they'll live on in our heart.

LP 203 Footprints

One night, a man had a dream. In it he was walking along a beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. one belonging to him, and the other belonging to the Lord. When the final scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints, and realized that they came at the hardest and saddest times of his life. Bothered about this, he questioned the Lord saying, "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most burdensome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you the most you would leave me." The Lord replied, "My dear child, I love you and I would never leave you. During the times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

LP 204 Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace shall always be my song of praise, for it was grace that brought my liberty;
I do not know just why He came to love me so, He looked beyond my faults and saw my need.
I shall forever lift my eyes to Calvary
To view the cross where Jesus died for me.
How marvelous the grace that caught my falling soul, He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.



LP 205 The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen

LP 206 Eternal Rest

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Lord help this family to remember that nothing will happen to them today that you and they together cannot handle.

Amen

LP 207 Dad

We'll always remember that special smile, that caring heart, that warm embrace you always gave us. You being there for Mom and us, through good and bad times no matter what. We'll always remember you, Dad, because there'll never be another one to replace you in our hearts, and the love we will always have for you.

I P 208 Mom

We'll always remember that special smile, that caring heart, that warm embrace you always gave us. You being there for Dad and us, through good and bad times no matter what. We'll always remember you, Mom, because there'll never be another one to replace you in our hearts, and the love we will always have for you.

LP 209 Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God wherever flames may rage, give me the strength to save some life whatever be its age.

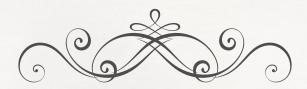
Help me embrace a little child before it is too late, or save an older person from the horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert and hear the weakest shout and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me, to guard my every neighbor and protect their property.

If according to your will I have to lose my life, please bless and protect my family.

Amen



LP 210 As We Look Back

As we look back over time We find ourselves wondering Did we remember to thank you enough? For all you have done for us? For all the times you were by our sides To help and support us To celebrate our successes To understand our problems And accept our defeats? Or for teaching us by your example, The value of hard work, good judgment, Courage and integrity? We wonder if we ever thanked you For the sacrifices you made. To let us have the very best? And for the simple things Like laughter, smiles and times we shared? If we have forgotten to show our Gratitude enough for all the things you did. We're thanking you now. And we are hoping you knew all along, How much you meant to us.

LP 211 Miss Me But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me I want no rites in a gloom-filled room. Why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little but not too long and not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared; miss me but let me go. For this journey that we all must take and each must go alone. It's all a part of the master's plan, a step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick at heart, go to the friends we know and bury your sorrows in doing good deeds. Miss me but let me go.

LP 212 Forever In Our Hearts

A million times we needed you. a million times we cried, if love alone would have saved you, you would have never died. In life we loved you dearly; in death we love you still, in our hearts, you hold a place no one can ever fill. A light from our household is gone: a voice from our love is stilled. some may think you are forgotten, though on earth you are no more, but in our memory you are with us, as you always were before. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone, a part of us went with you, the day God called you home. Your precious memories are for keepsakes, with which we never part, God has you safely in his keeping, but we have you forever in our hearts.

LP 213 I'm Free

Don't grieve for me now, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me. I took God's hand when I heard the call: I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way; I found that place at the close of the day. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss. Ah, yes, these things, I, too, will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full; I savored much, good friends, good times, and a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief; don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me -God wanted me now. God set me free. Amen

LP 214 If Roses Grow In Heaven

If roses grow in Heaven, Lord, please pick a bunch for me.
Place them in my Mother's arms, and tell her they're from me.
Tell her I love her and miss her, and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek, and hold her for a while.
Because remembering her is easy, I do it every day, but there is an ache within my heart that will never go away.



LP 215 When I'm Gone

When I'm gone from your side, and all your tears have been dried do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow; I am the diamond glints on snow, I am the sunlight on ripened grain; I am the gentle autumn's rain. When you awaken in the morning hush, I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight, I am the soft star that shines at night and when you stroll in the evening hours, and catch the aroma of beautiful flowers. There'll be no need to sob and cry; I am not there, I did not die!

LP 216 In Our Hearts

We thought of you with love today.
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday.
And days before that too.
We think of you in silence.
We often speak your name.
Now all we have is memories.
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake.
With which we'll never part.
God has you in his keeping.
We have you in our heart.

LP 217 Bridge of Love

Our memories build a special bridge, when loved ones have to part
To help us feel we're with them still, and soothe a grieving heart.
Our memories span the years we shared, preserving ties that bind,
They build a special bridge of love, and bring us peace of mind.

LP 218 God's Garden

God looked around his garden. and found an empty place, He then looked down upon the earth, and saw your tired face. He put His arms around you, and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering; He knew you were in pain. He knew that you would never get well on earth again. He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb. So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered, 'Peace be thine.' It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone, For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

LP 219 Poem of Life

Life is but a stopping place, a pause in what's to be, a resting place along the road, to sweet eternity. We all have different journeys. different paths along the way we all were meant to learn some things. but never meant to stay... Our destination is a place, far greater than we know. For some the journey's quicker, for some the journey's slow. And when the journey finally ends, we'll claim a great reward and find an everlasting peace, together with the Lord.



LP 220 I Have a Place in Heaven

I have a place in Heaven; please don't sing sad songs for me. Forget your grief and fears, for I am in a perfect place away from pain and tears, it's far away from hunger and hurt and want and pride, I have a place in Heaven with the Master at my side, my life on earth was very good as earthly life can go, but Paradise is so much more than anyone can know, my heart is filled with happiness and sweet rejoicing, too, to walk with God is perfect peace, a joy forever new.

LP 221 Faith

You will not see me, so you must have faith;
I wait for the time when we can soar.
Together again, both aware of each other
Until then live your life to the fullest and when
You need me, just whisper my name in your
heart. I will be there.

LP 222 So Go and Run Free

So go and run free with the angels, dance around the golden clouds.

The Lord has chosen you to be with Him and we should feel nothing but proud.

Although He has taken you from us and our pain a lifetime will last.

Your memory will never escape us but make us glad for the time we did have.

Your face will always be hidden deep inside our hearts, each precious moment you gave us.

Shall never ever depart so go and run free with the angels as they sing so tenderly and please be sure to tell them to take good care of you for me.

LP 223 Turn Back the Clock

If I could turn back the clock that's just what I would do. And I would live again those happy years that I shared with you.

LP 224 Until We Meet Again

I hold you close within my heart and there you will remain. To walk with me throughout my life until we meet again.

LP 225 You'll Always be in My Heart

If memories bring you closer, we are never far apart Not a day will I forget you, you'll always be in my heart.



LP 226 Chain Link

We little knew that morning; God was to call your name. In life we loved you dearly; in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you. you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories: your love is still our quide And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one. the chain will link again.

LP 227 Forever in His Care

If I listen really close, in the silence of the night
I hear your voice to comfort me, and say that you're all right but it's often hard to understand, why certain things must be and the reasons why they happen, are so often hard to see but I find comfort in the knowledge, that God is always there to keep the one I loved so much, forever in His care.

LP 228 Once Again With You

Though you're no longer with me every day,
I find in one way or another, you're back there
in my mind. I might hear a piece of music,
and at once my mind is stirred
back to a treasured moment
the two of us have shared.
I never try to stop them, I let them
just flow through. It's just my way
of spending time once again with you.

LP 229 A Smile for All

A smile for all, a heart of gold the very best the world could hold. Those we love don't go away; they walk beside us every day.

LP 230 A Very Special Mother

When death comes and takes your Mother away, it is hard for you to bear the sorrow. It will take great strength and courage of you to try to face a new tomorrow. Think of those caring friends on whom you can depend on to be with you through all that each new day may send.

A Mother's love is a golden thread that binds the family together.

May fond memories of your Mother and her love for you will keep you close to her.



LP 231 A Very Special Father

When death comes and takes your Father away, it is hard for you to bear the sorrow. It will take great strength and courage of you to try to face a new tomorrow. Think of those caring friends on whom you can depend on to be with you through all that each new day may send. A Father's love is a golden thread that binds the family together. May fond memories of your Father and his love for you will keep you close to him.

LP 232 Afterglow

I'd like the memories of me to be happy ones.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when the day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways of happy, laughing times and bright, sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun of happy memories that I leave behind when the day is done.

LP 233 Heavenly Bouquet

God works in His garden I'm told every day:
With the roses He needs for His heavenly bouquet.
There are times when He picks all the withered and old,
then gathers them lovingly into His fold.
There are times when He prunes where others must grow,
That He may bestow more strength on the weak ones and
some days, He chooses the fairest in sight;
He needs certain buds to make heaven look right.
How sweet, how beautiful is His bouquet.
God works in His garden and best is His way.

LP 234 Homecoming

When I am gone, release me, let me go. I have so many things to see and do. You must not tie yourself to me with tears, be thankful for our beautiful years. I gave you my love. You can only guess how much you gave me in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have shown, But now I guess it is time, I travel alone. So grieve awhile for me, if you must. Then let your grief be comforted by trust. It is only for a time that we must part so bless the memories within your heart. I will not be far away, for life goes on so if you need me, call and I will come. Though you cannot see me or touch me, I will be near. If you listen with your heart, you will hear all my love around you soft and clear. And then, when you must come this way alone, I will greet you, with a smile, and say "Welcome Home"



LP 235 A Rose Still Blooms

A rose once grew where all could see sheltered beside a garden wall, and as the days passed swiftly by, it spread its branches straight and tall. One day a beam of light shone through a crevice that had opened wide. The rose bent gently toward its warmth then passed beyond to the other side. Now you who deeply feel its loss, be comforted the rose blooms there. Its beauty even greater and nurtured by God's own loving care.

God bless and keep you everywhere and hold you in His loving care.



LP 236 Beyond Sunset

Should you go first and I remain to walk the road alone, I'll live in memories garden, dear, with happy days we've known. In spring I'll wait for roses red, when faded, the lilacs blue. In early fall when brown leaves fall, I'll catch a glimpse of you. Should you go first and I remain, for battles to be fought, Each thing you've touched along the way will be a hallowed spot. I'll hear your voice, I'll see your smile, though blindly I may grope, The memory of your helping hand will buoy me on with hope. Should you go first and I remain, one thing I'll have you do: Walk slowly down that long long path, for soon I'll follow you. I want to know each step you take, so I may take the same, for someday down that lonely road, you'll hear me call your name.

LP 237 God's Gift of Life

God gives us each a gift of life
to cherish from our birth.
He gives us friends and those we
love to share our days on earth.
He watches us with loving care
and takes us by the hand,
He blesses us with countless joys
and guides the lives we've planned.
Then, when our work on earth is done,
he calls us to His side,
To live with Him in happiness
where peace and love abide.

As you face this time of loss, may you be comforted by gentle reminders of your loved one, and by memories that live on in your heart.



LP 238 Our Daughter's Last Goodbye

Now she is gone and we stand alone in our sorrow wondering why she was taken so suddenly from our lives without a last goodbye.

Our memories surround us in a sad but loving way.

All the unsaid words are now words we can never say.

Dear Lord, you can hear us so please let her know this is true, how much we truly love her as she passes from us to you.

The pain and sorrow that we feel, we know she feels no more, for she has passed through Heaven's gates and opened Heaven's door.

Please take her gently by the hand for angels you surely must, and tell her of the lady she was and what she meant to us.

Although she has gone to a greater place where there's no questions why, please let her know how much we care, love and miss her and are saddened that we have to say our last goodbye.



LP 239 Our Son's Last Goodbye

Now he is gone and we stand alone in our sorrow wondering why he was taken so suddenly from our lives without a last goodbye.

Our memories surround us in a sad but loving way.

All the unsaid words are now words we can never say.

Dear Lord, you can hear us so please let him know this is true, how much we truly love him as he passes from us to you.

The pain and sorrow that we feel, we know he feels no more, for he has passed through Heaven's gates and opened Heaven's door.

Please take him gently by the hand for angels you surely must, and tell him of the man he was and what he meant to us.

Although he has gone to a greater place where there's no questions why, please let him know how much we care, love and miss him and are saddened that we have to say our last goodbye.

LP 240 Christmas with Jesus

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below with tiny lights like Heaven's stars reflecting on the snow. The sight is so spectacular please wipe away that tear for I'm spending Christmas with Jesus this year. I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear but the sound of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here. For I have no voice to tell you the joy their voices bring it is beyond description to hear the angels sing. I know how much you miss me, but please remember, dear that I am spending Christmas with Jesus this year. I cannot tell you of the splendor of the peace inside this place, Can you imagine Christmas with our Savior, face to face? I will ask Him to light your spirit as I tell Him of your love; so pray for one another as you lift your eyes above. Please let your heart be joyful and let your spirit sing for I am spending Christmas in Heaven and walking with the King!

