

## Planning a Memorial Service when you lose a baby



**Todd Smith:** *When I had to think about a burial service and memorial service for our baby, Audrey Caroline, I was overwhelmed. It's something I never thought I would have to plan. A couple at our church had lost a child earlier in the year, and so I followed much of what they did. I chose different songs, but the order of their program made it much easier.*

### **Audrey's Burial Service: April 17, 2008**

*We just had family and very close friends at this.*

Opening Prayer	Pastor Scott	<i>Our pastor opened and shared</i>
Scripture and thoughts for Audrey	Family and close friends	<i>Anyone who wanted to share a verse or thought got up and shared</i>
Be Still My Soul	Nicol, my sister, sang	
Sing together over Audrey	Todd led the songs	<i>I picked 3 or 4 songs for all of us to sing together. Make sure to print out the lyrics so everyone can sing.</i>
Give Me Jesus	Jack, my brother, sang	<i>Jack sang the first verse, then everyone joined in on the 2nd and 3rd verses</i>
Prayer	Dad, Todd, Pastor Scott	<i>My dad, myself, and my pastor prayed</i>
Audrey Bunny: She is Healed	Audrey's sisters	<i>We sat a stuffed bunny that we had named "Audrey Bunny" on top of the casket and had our girls take off the band aids to symbolize that their baby sister was healed.</i>
Doxology	Everyone	

### **Audrey's Memorial Service**

*We invited anyone who wanted to come to share in our grief and held this service at our church.*

Jesus I Am Resting Be Still My Soul Give Me Jesus	Worship Team	<i>Our worship team led in these three songs</i>
Pastoral thoughts	Pastor Scott	<i>Our pastor shared</i>
Audrey's Video	I Will Carry You	<i>You can see this video here: <a href="http://www.heartlink.org/hottopics/A000000710.cfm">www.heartlink.org/hottopics/A000000710.cfm</a></i>
Angie's letter to Audrey	Audra	<i>I asked Angie's best friend to read a letter Angie had written to Audrey. Maybe for some parents it might be too difficult to get up in front of everyone. If there are thoughts you have written down, or things you want to say, you can always have someone else read them.</i>
The Lord's Prayer	Selah: Allan, Amy and Todd	
How Great Thou Art Doxology	Congregation	<i>Everyone joined in these closing songs</i>
Benediction	Pastor Scott	<i>Closing words and prayer</i>