

OUR LAST FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

To be used to show the love and respect from one Girl Scout to another at their last time together.

Ceremony

At a designated time in the memorial or funeral ceremony, all current and past Girl Scout members present are invited to stand in a Friendship Circle. (“Once a Girl Scout, always a Girl Scout”) If at location with casket, circle should be formed with each end of the circle touching the casket.

- Leader says a few words that can include:
 - Personal remembrances
 - A reminder that all Girl Scouts come into the movement with a ceremony and we want to hold also hold a final ceremony for our Girl Scout sister to hold her forever in our circle of friendship.
 - Instructions for singing Taps and passing the Girl Scout “Friendship Squeeze.”
- With arms crossed (right over left) Taps is sung (with or without motions).
- Arms crossed, the squeeze is passed from the head of the circle (at casket, if applicable). Taps is hummed while the squeeze is done.
- When the squeeze is finished “Goodnight Girl Scouts.” is said and the circle silently returns to their seats and the memorial or funeral proceeds as usual.

The Promise and Law may also be said at either ceremony.

Reminders:

A Girl Scout flag may be borrowed from the Girl Scout office by calling the office and arranging for pick up and return per their routine. Please allow a day or so to process if possible. The Girl Scout flag should stand at the foot of the casket.

Girl Scouts participating may be in uniform or not, as desired. Any Girl Scout uniform is always appropriate. Troops may wear their designated clothing as their Troop uniform.

Discussion with the family, minister and funeral home will be needed to facilitate the ceremony.

If you, as a Girl Scout, would like this as part of your funeral please use this as a reference, talk to your family and your Girl Scout family.

All Girl Scouts begin with a ceremony and may now have a final but significant ceremony preformed with love, appreciation and respect for service given to the Girl Scout Movement.