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Funeral Service for Baby Ember Ihuit

Welcome & Opening Words

“Dear family and friends, we gather here today in sorrow and in love. We come to honor the brief but precious life of **Ember Ihuit**, who was with us for only four days. Though her time here was short, she touched hearts deeply, and she will forever be remembered.

This is a sacred moment—a time of both grief and hope. Grief, because Ember’s absence leaves an ache that words cannot fill. Hope, because God’s Word reminds us that He is near to the brokenhearted and that the lives of children, though short, are precious and eternal in His sight.”

Psalm 34:18 – “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

Scripture Readings

- *Psalm 139:13–16* – “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb... all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”
- *Matthew 19:14* – “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

Funeral Message / Reflection

“Today, we come face to face with mystery—the mystery of life, and the mystery of loss. Four days does not feel like enough. We wanted more time with Ember. We wanted to see her smile, hear her laugh, watch her grow. We grieve not only the loss of who she was, but also of all the moments we never had with her.

But while Ember’s life was brief, it was not meaningless. Scripture reminds us that life is not measured in length of days, but in the love and purpose God gives. Ember was knit together in her mother’s womb by the hands of God Himself. She was loved before she ever opened her eyes, and she was cherished every moment of her short time here.

Jesus said, ‘*Let the little children come to me, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.*’ Ember’s life reminds us of that truth. She had no time to experience sin, sorrow, or the

brokenness of this world. Instead, she is now held in the arms of Jesus, who takes children to Himself with tender love.

For us who remain, grief is heavy—but we do not grieve as those without hope. Because Jesus conquered death, we have the assurance that death does not have the last word. Ember is alive in Christ, whole and safe, in a place where there are no tears and no sorrow.

Though our questions are many, our faith rests in God’s promise: one day, all who are in Christ will be reunited, and every tear will be wiped away. Ember’s life points us to that hope.”

Committal/Devotional

Mark 10:13–16

“People were bringing little children to Jesus... He said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.’ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.”

As we are gathered here today, our grief feels overwhelming, but Jesus’ words bring us comfort. He welcomed children into His arms, declaring that the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. We believe Ember is now held in His embrace. She will never know pain, fear, or sorrow—only the perfect joy and peace of God’s presence.

Her life, though short, is eternal. And while she may no longer be here with us, her spirit is alive with Christ. We trust in God’s promise that death is not the end, but the doorway to eternal life.”

Words of Committal

“Into the tender hands of Almighty God, we now commit **Ember Ihuit**—earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust—awaiting the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We release Ember into God’s everlasting care. She is not lost, for she is found in Christ. She is not gone, for she lives in the joy of God’s kingdom. And though we must say goodbye, we do so with hope, knowing that in Christ, this goodbye is not forever.”

Closing Prayer & Blessing

“Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of Ember’s life. Though her days were few, they were full of love. We ask You now to comfort her parents and family with Your peace that passes understanding. Help them to carry her memory with joy even in the midst of sorrow. Surround them with Your presence, and remind them that Ember is safe in Your arms. Lord Jesus, we thank You that You welcome children into Your kingdom with open arms. Thank You for receiving Ember and holding her close. We ask now that You strengthen this family, sustain them in their sorrow, and surround them with Your peace.

Now may the Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Amen.”