

High-tech Time Capsule: Communications from Departed Relations to Those Who are Still Living

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People can now plan in advance to communicate with their loved ones after they have passed on, using new online technology. Those left behind can continue to receive counsel, support, and love.

People who know their remaining time on earth is short can gain comfort by leaving messages of strength and support for family left behind, and those who receive the messages maintain bonds of love for the departed.

The concept is not new, but the delivery method is. Past generations have used grave stones and monuments to leave an epitaph, others have left journals, and a few have sent messages in time capsules to be opened at future dates to convey a message.

Technology and the power of Internet communications now make it possible for people to send messages into the future, long after they are gone. Greetings can continue to be sent to family and friends on birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and other occasions. Words of counsel, advice, and love can continue to guide the lives of those who are left behind.

"Sadly, from the beginning of time, it has been impossible to keep in touch with our loved ones after we leave this Earth. Fortunately for those of us alive today, that has all changed," said Nathan Martyn, director of Eterna Link Communications (ELC).

ELC has created a trilogy of memorials websites, www.ChristianMemorials.com, www.CatholicMemorials.com, and www.TheEternalPortal.com to meet the needs of people of differing beliefs.

"Using Heaven's Mail -- it's Eternal (tm & patents pending), you can write your messages now, while you are still able, for all those birthdays, anniversaries and special holidays yet to come, and leave them with us for delivery to your friends and loved ones at any appointed time. Share your love, faith, or even favorite jokes and recipes," said John Moetteli, a patent attorney and member of the board of advisers.

The messages can include specially designed eCards, and permit the sender to include favorite family photos, video, and audio clips to personalize the message. The service also includes the ability to create an online memorial with complete photo albums, video and audio recordings, and more.

"The reason we have created these innovative memorial services is simple," said Martyn. "It is to enable us all to be remembered, share our faith, offer hope, and comfort, and to pass on hard-earned wisdom, during the gap of 10 to 50 years in which we would otherwise lose contact with our loved ones after their death."

All the sites offer free online obituaries for anyone who wants to create one. The free service allows for the creation of a biography, text or poem written as a tribute, and a photo.

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