

Attending a Wake

A Social Story





Today we are going to a wake. It is a ceremony associated with death. Sometimes it is called a viewing.



Wakes are usually held in a funeral home.



At a wake I will see the family of the individual who past away. Friends of the individual who past away will also be present.



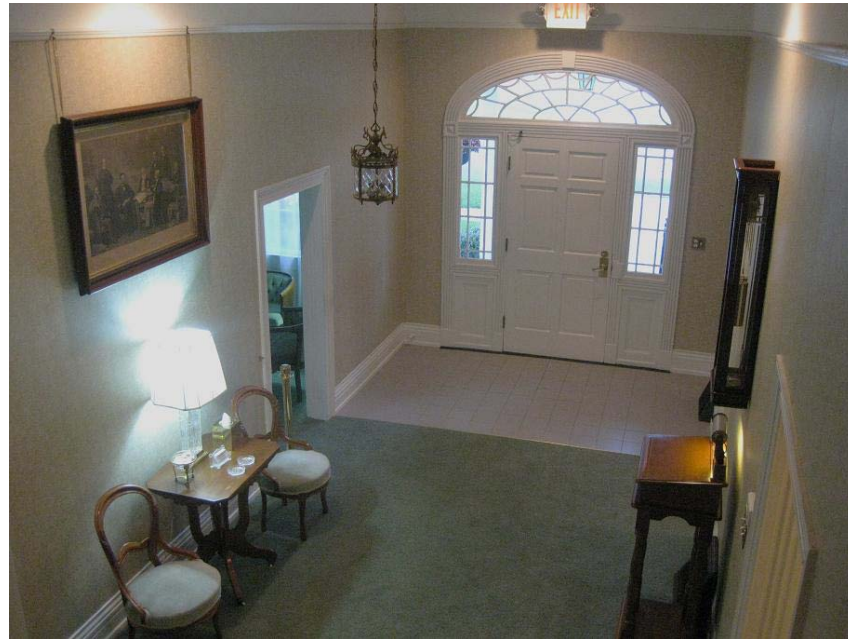
A wake is a time to say goodbye to the individual who past away and an opportunity to give my condolences to the family.



It is customary to comfort the grieving family members and friends by saying “I am sorry for your loss,” “My deepest sympathy to you and your family.”



After giving my condolences to the family it is customary to go up the casket. It may be opened or closed. If this makes me feel uncomfortable I may stand behind those going forward or take a seat.



If I am having a difficult time at the wake I will quietly leave the room where the wake is and wait in the lobby of the funeral home.



A wake allows me to say goodbye to people that were special in my life.