

HARBOURSIDE

PET & EQUINE CREMATIONS

REMEMBRANCE

50 Ways To Honour Your Horse's Memory

Tender, practical, creative ideas — from the simple to the lifelong



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8 PAGES

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There is no obligation to do any of this. Some families build a garden; others simply keep a photograph on the fridge and that is enough. Read it, take what fits, ignore the rest.

DAILY RITUALS

- ☐ Light a candle at dinner on their birthday and the anniversary.
- ☐ Keep their halter on the tack-room hook — it does not need to be put away.
- ☐ Touch their photo on the fridge each morning; a fingertip is enough.
- ☐ Walk the paddock fence line at sunset once a week.
- ☐ Say goodnight to them, out loud or silently.
- ☐ Wear a bracelet or ring with a strand of tail hair.
- ☐ Pour one extra coffee and drink it slowly, thinking of them.
- ☐ Carry a polo mint in your pocket on the hard days.

NOTES

IN YOUR HOME

- ☐ A framed photograph on a mantelpiece, not a hidden shelf.
- ☐ A shadow box: rosette, bridle-numberplate, horseshoe, photograph.
- ☐ A single dedicated shelf — urn, horse book, candle, dried flower.
- ☐ A commissioned portrait in oil, watercolour, or pencil.
- ☐ A printed photo-book of their life.
- ☐ A ceramic cast of a hoof, ear, or muzzle.
- ☐ Cleaned old tack hung as artwork in the hallway.
- ☐ A chair by the window they liked to look through.

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IN THE LANDSCAPE

- ☐ A tree planted in their paddock or a friend's garden.
- ☐ Ashes scattered under the tree you plant.
- ☐ An engraved stone marker at the fence line.
- ☐ A memorial bench where they used to graze.
- ☐ A rose bush named after them.
- ☐ A plaque at your pony or riding club in their name.
- ☐ A scatter of wildflower seed that blooms each spring.
- ☐ A stone cairn built by the children who loved them.

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CREATIVE TRIBUTES

- ☐ A quilt stitched from old saddle blankets and ribbons.
- ☐ Jewellery made with a hoof-cast or tail-hair braid.
- ☐ A poem, song, or short piece of music in their name.
- ☐ A zine or children's book telling their story for family.
- ☐ A painting of the paddock without them.
- ☐ A stitched sampler with their name and dates.
- ☐ A pottery urn or keepsake made by you or a local maker.
- ☐ A yearly anniversary tribute post — one story each year.

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IN THEIR HONOUR

- ☐ A donation to a horse rescue or sanctuary in their name.
- ☐ Sponsorship of a rescue horse for a year.
- ☐ A bursary for a young rider at your pony club.
- ☐ A perpetual trophy or ribbon in their name.
- ☐ Rugs and grooming kit passed on to a rescue or young rider.
- ☐ A donation to equine research — colic, laminitis, wherever needed.
- ☐ Monthly volunteering at a sanctuary or disability-riding centre.
- ☐ A paddock tree planted via Landcare in their name.

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FOR THE CHILDREN

- ☐ A “life book” — photos, stories, hoofprints — built over a year.
- ☐ A painted horseshoe hung above their bed.
- ☐ A memory jar filled with small happy-note slips.
- ☐ A soft toy horse that looks like theirs.
- ☐ A shared bedtime story that includes the horse.
- ☐ A yearly visit to their favourite paddock or trail.
- ☐ Passing on their bridle when the child is ready.
- ☐ Saying their name, out loud, whenever the child wants to.

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A last thought

The point of a memorial is not to prove how much you loved them. You already know that, and so did they. The point is to give the love somewhere to go on a Tuesday afternoon in eight months' time.

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