



Our Last Friendship Circle

The last friendship circle is to be used to show the love and respect from one Girl Scout to another during their last time together, the memorial service.

At a designated time in the funeral or memorial ceremony, all current and former Girl Scout members present are invited to stand in a friendship circle. If a casket is present, the circle should be formed with each end of the circle touching the casket. With arms crossed (right over left), “Taps” is sung (with or without motions). Arms remain crossed and the hand squeeze is passed from the head of the circle (or casket, if applicable). “Taps” is hummed while the squeeze is done. When the squeeze is finished, “Goodnight, Girl Scouts” is said, the circle silently returns to their seats, and the funeral or memorial service proceeds as usual. The Promise and Law may also be said.

A Girl Scout flag may be borrowed from a Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania office by calling and arranging for pick up and return. 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/or 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 and 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 performed with love, appreciation, and respect for their service given to the Girl Scout Movement.

*Make new friends, but keep the old.
One is silver and the other gold.*