What do you need to include in your Obituary?

1. Pick one of the characters; do not do two obituaries!
2. Name of the deceased and how they died; try to "spin" their death in a positive way with the use of language
3. At least two character traits about them and actions they took to show those traits, again with a positive spin.
4. The family and friends that they are leaving behind and their feelings toward their death.
5. A short description of where/when the funeral service will be held; **this is going to be some made up information but couch it in the setting of the play (Verona).**

Organizing your information:

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|  | **Actions** | **What characters say about them** | **Traits** |
| Mercutio |  |  |  |
| Tybalt |  |  |  |

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| Information | Negative Version | Positive Version |
| Name of deceased | Mercutio | Mercutio |
| Manner in which they died | Rashly confronting a known accomplished swordsman over something | In a duel against Tybalt Capulet defending Romeo’s honour |
| Trait #1 | Impulsive | Fiery |
| Evidence/Action to show trait | At the smallest insult, Mercutio begins a long, irritating speech or jumps into a fight for any reason at all. He never considers that there might be consequences to his decisions, like death. | At the slightest provocation or word, we see Mercutio leap into a spirited monologue or, in this case, duel, to protect those he cares about without thinking of the consequences. |
| Trait #2 | Hypocritical | Principled (not violent by nature, but if it’s required to defend his friends, he will choose violence) |
| Evidence/Action to show trait | Mercutio goes from complaining about how Benvolio jumps into a fight with little provocation, and just a few minutes later, he himself does just that. | Mercutio teases his friend about how anything will provoke him. Moments later, he valiantly jumps into battle to protect his friend Romeo |
| Description of funeral service | A tiny service will be held for his bothersome personage on the 17th of June 1597, at the Catholic Church of Verona. The service will be conducted by Friar Laurence. | A small service will be held in his honour on the 17th of June 1597, at the Catholic Church of Verona. The ceremony shall be conducted by his dear friend and teacher, Friar Laurence. |

Recently, a flickering flame was extinguished in Verona. Mercutio, a dear friend of the Montague family, was killed in a duel by the villainous Tybalt. Provoked when Tybalt insulted Romeo, Mercutio displayed his valour by drawing his sword bravely against his enemy. While some may call this impulsive, others may call it simply having a fiery spirit. Leaping into a duel to defend the honour of his friend, Mercutio was stabbed. Though Mercutio has been called hypocritical by his own enemies, his admirers and comrades see it as simply having principles. As he ascends the stairway to heaven, he leaves behind his close friends Romeo and Benvolio, and his uncle Prince Escalus of Verona. They mourn his death and he has been avenged; Romeo slew Mercutio’s killer shortly after he died. Donations shall be gratefully accepted in support of the Queen Mab Foundation for Troubled Youth. The service will be held and directed by Friar Laurence on the 17th of June 1597. It will take place at the Catholic Church of Verona. There will be a wake held at the house of Montague, welcome to all that knew our dear friend Mercutio, except, of course, the dastardly Capulet family. Mercutio shall be remembered for his fierce spirit and passionate loyalty to his friends.