IN MEMORIAM

To the family of *[insert name of the late ISPLS member]*,

During this time of sorrow, our hearts ache from loss while our minds reflect the memories and triumphs of a departed member of our surveying family.

The surveyor throughout history has been independent, a problem solver, an explorer, a cartographer, and “eyes” to those who follow. The work of a surveyor is often unappreciated, misunderstood, and not given the recognition it deserves. Knowing that at the core of the profession is performing work that may well be used for many generations to come; each surveyor bears this burden with respect and pride.

The surveyor answers to a higher authority, with service to others as the primary objective making the profession of surveying unique and special. As a member of a professional society, a surveyor exhibits the quality, integrity, and character of one who is willing to give of themselves for the betterment of others. These traits are the foundation of strong sound leadership.

Long after their departure others will cross the lines, view the monuments, and use the notes *[insert name of the late ISPLS member]* dedicated his career to creating. The hearts and minds their work has touched may not always be obvious, but it will stand as a memorial that all might know a surveyor, a true professional, passed this way. The evidence left by *[insert name of the late ISPLS member]*, is a permanent part of Indiana and will never be lost.

We honor the works of those who have made their mark on our lives and gone on to their reward. With their history made, their monuments set, and their life’s work documented, at this time all we can say is:

“Well done, good and faithful servant! Well done.”

I express my thanks with all due respect and honor,

*[insert name of presenter, ex. Johns Smith, Chapter President]*

*On behalf of [insert chapter name, ex. XYZ Chapter of the Indiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors]*