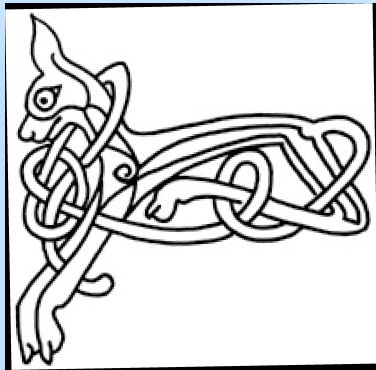


## Rite of Passing



Funeral for a Faithful Companion & Friend

June 30, 2008

### ***Spirits of this Land***

Spirits of this land we call to you. Once more we gather within this place, upon this land and beneath this sky. We ask for the use of this place for our work this day and offer welcome to all those of like mind and heart. May the spirits of this land draw near and welcome among you our companion and friend.

Spirits of this land, accept our offering!  
Spirits of this land, be welcome among us!

### ***In Song***

#### ***Deep Peace (Author Unknown)***

*Deep peace of the flowing air to you  
Deep peace of the sacred flame  
Deep peace of the running wave to you  
Deep peace of the quiet earth  
May peace, may peace, may peace fill your soul  
Let peace, let peace, let peace make you whole.  
Repeat chant 3 times*

### ***Earth Mother and Sky Father***

We call upon the Mother of this Land who cradles us in her loving embrace. We ask that she bring comfort to our hearts and minds, as we return to her one among us. May she cradle our friend and guide her to life anew.

We call upon the Father of the Clear Sky that he may illuminate the way for our friend as she travels to the Otherworld. We ask that he bring a spark of comfort and warmth within the darkness.

Earth Mother and Sky Father, accept our offering!

**All:** Earth Mother and Sky Father be welcome among us!

### **Purpose & Precedent**

This day we gather together in friendship and love to honor a faithful friend and companion that passes to the Otherworld.

*Autumn was a mut with floppy ears. She was brown and white with a green collar. She was 8 years old.*

*(Text by Morrighan Lee age 9)*

Our beloved friend now joins many who have passed to the Otherworld before her.

May she know what she meant to our family and that we shall remember her always. May she now journey in peace that she may play once more as her spirit is renewed.

### **Opening a Way Between**

This day we call upon our Grove Patron and Friend. Manannan Mac Lir join with us once more as we open a way between the world of the living and that of the spirit. May we stand in your protection as the worlds converge in this place. Manannan we bid you welcome and now ask for your aid.

May the fire yield entrance from the heavens.  
May the well give way for the dead  
And the Mighty pillar join all worlds as one.  
Let the gates be open!

### **Kindred Blessings**

Let us now call forth from this place to our allies, companions, and friends among the Mighty Kindred.

We call to our Ancestors. To our kin of blood and of spirit

that they may draw near and stand with us this day.

Ancestors, accept our offering!

**All:** Ancestors, be welcome among us!

We call to our Deities. To the Shining and Chthonic Ones that they may draw near and bless us this day.

Shining and Chthonic Ones, accept our offering!

**All:** Shining and Chthonic Ones, be welcome among us!

Finally, we call to the Spirits of Nature. To our allies of the woodlands, fields and streams. We call to the loyal companions of our ancestors and those of our kin and friends. To the dogs who have journeyed through the ages with humankind. We ask that they join us here and welcome our friend among them.

Spirits of Nature, accept our offering.

**All:** Spirits of Nature, be welcome among us!

### **Remembering our Friend**

May any who have stories, songs or other praise for our friend come forward at this time.

### **Omen**

#### **Blessing of the Waters**

*A cup will be filled with water and the blessings of the Kindred and energy of the folk will charge the waters. The waters are then offered to Autumn to take on her journey.*

### **Thank You and Closing**

We will now thank the powers that have attended us during this rite.

***All beings are thanked in reverse order, the gatekeeper thanked and gates closed and finally the Earth Mother and Sky Father thank and our work concluded.***

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*This funeral service was written in honor of our loyal dog, Autumn (1999-2008).*