

## Thank you for your support for the Lighthouse Digest USLHS Keepers' Grave Marker Program

Be sure to order the USLHS Grave Marker at least six weeks in advance from  
[www.uslifesavingmarker.com](http://www.uslifesavingmarker.com)

Provided here are just examples to choose from – there is no set way to honor a lighthouse keeper. Ceremonies can be simple and informal with a few friends and family or a formal event with an honor guard and local dignitaries, such as political representatives or members of the Coast Guard.

Please send high resolution photographs of your ceremony and the gravesite, along with pertinent information on the ceremony and cemetery to *Lighthouse Digest* at [Editor@LighthouseDigest.com](mailto:Editor@LighthouseDigest.com) so it can be published and shared with others and saved for future generations. We are also maintaining a master list of USLHS grave markers that have been placed.

Want to help us and others place these historical markers?

Please consider making a donation to the

**USLHS Grave Marker Fund at**

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or by mail to

**Lighthouse Digest Grave Marker Fund**

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## ***Sample order of the Ceremony and/or Event Program for placement of Lighthouse Keeper Grave Markers***

**Welcome - Master of Ceremonies**

**Honor Guard – Posting of Colors**

**Singing or Reading of *Legend of the Lighthouse* - Audience**

**Opening Remarks – Biography of Keeper Being Honored**

**Messages from Dignitaries**

**Music**

**Other Remarks from Descendants**

**Unveiling or Placement of the U.S. Lighthouse Service Plaque**

*(This can be placed and covered before the ceremony or simply placed during the ceremony.)*

**Remarks**

**Placement of the flag of the United States of America on the plaque**

**Honor Guard Departs**

**Closing – The Light Keeper’s Prayer**

***Additional Notes:***

*After the conclusion of the ceremony a small social gathering can be held to share photos and memories of the Lighthouse Keeper. Light refreshments can also be served.*

*The Ceremony can be as formal or as informal as you would like and items listed are optional.*

*While you can simply place the markers without any ceremony at all, we strongly encourage at least a brief history of the Lighthouse Keeper being honored to be read or distributed to attendees.*

*Please send photos of the ceremony, gravesite with the marker, and cemetery info to Lighthouse Digest to Editor@LighthouseDigest.com for our master list of USLHS grave markers that have been placed and for possible publication in Lighthouse Digest.*

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# *Legend of the Lighthouse*

Oh, beautiful, this beam of light  
We see along the shore.  
The lighthouse tower standing proud,  
Above the ocean's roar.

Oh beacon bright, your shining light  
Once guided those at sea.  
The lighthouse tall protected all  
Then fell to destiny.

So now, we all must keepers be.  
Protect and save each one.  
They are a part of history,  
And tho' their work is done,

The stories told to young and old,  
Will guide us come what may  
Through darkest night. To morning light.  
The lighthouse shows the way!

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## The Lighthouse Keepers Prayer

The Lord is my pilot, I shall not drift  
He lighteth me across the dark waters;

He steereth me in the deep channels.

He keepeth my log.

He guideth me by the star of holiness for his namesake.

Yea though I sail mid the thunders and tempests of life,  
I shall dread not danger, for thou art near me .

Thy love and care, they shelter me.

Thou preparest a harbor before me in the homeland of  
eternity.

Thou anointest the waves with oil, my ship rideth calmly.

Surely sunlight and starlight shall favor me on the voyage I  
take,

And I will rest in the port of my God forever.

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