

FAMILY REUNION INSTITUTE'S

STICKY REUNION SITUATION

MAINTAINING MOMENTUM

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The Situation:

Our family is having a hard time maintaining momentum for the reunion after the loss of several significant family members/leaders. How do we regain the enthusiasm that we once had when so many family members are feeling grief over the loss of others?

The Fix:



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Why not promote the next reunion as a celebration of the lives and legacies of the deceased family members? Include all the activities usually associated with the reunion, but set aside a special time/ceremony to honor and celebrate the deceased. You also might invite people to send in and/or present their written remembrances of the deceased. I recommend a display or book of remembrances be prepared for the reunion as well. Perhaps most important is the idea of emphasizing this as a celebration, rather than a funeral or homegoing.
