

# Call for obituaries for dead, dormant, and integrated headmates (& similar beings)

*(Note: Submissions may be open indefinitely, but anyone who wants to be included in the first printing should submit by October 25 2025.)*

I'm Riley of a Body et al., a plural collective best known for our online work on plural education and our original zines. I'm working on a project compiling obituaries for members of plural collectives or adjacent beings (alters, soulbonds, dæmons, imaginary friends, etc.) who are dead, dormant, integrated, or otherwise gone for the foreseeable future and mourned.

This is an intentionally broad prompt; the only requirements are that obituaries be for someone gone in a way comparable to death (whatever that means to you&), and that they must be individual entities without their own bodies (a system's collective body dying would not be included).

Disenfranchised grief is a near universal experience among plurals who have lost headmates. Being denied the right to acknowledge losses as death (or comparable to it) or to publicly mourn is a deeply damaging experience. I would like to make a public record of our grief, and in a format historically restricted to the physical deaths of people with their own bodies; obituaries and elegies.

## Submission information:

- Obituaries for the first printing must be submitted by October 25th 2025; there is no guarantee that a second edition will be made, though I hope to make one.
- Submissions should be in the form of an obituary with an optional image of the subject included, ideally around 200 words (40 at least, 250 at most). For examples, you can see [this obituary-writing guide aimed at singlet deaths](#), and [this example obituary for a headmate](#). You do not need to adhere strictly to the format.
- Obituaries should be for your own headmates/alters/etc.—obituaries for headmates in other peoples' systems should be written with their consent, with contact information provided so we can verify. Very limited exceptions may be made if anonymized.
- By submitting, you are agreeing to the contents of your submission being used in a commercial project without compensation or retraction, and confirming that all submitted materials are your own and made without the use of generative AI. (In less legalistic terms, this collection will be for sale, everything you submit—text, art, photos—needs to be your own original creation, and you can't take back submissions after printing.)
- Email submissions to [headmateobituaries@gmail.com](mailto:headmateobituaries@gmail.com)—you can submit as many obituaries as you like, but please try to send them in the same message!
- Questions can be sent via email, asks, PMs, or private communication if you have my contact information.