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Ruling on publishing obituaries in newspapers

Q: What is the ruling on publishing obituaries in newspapers?

A: This is a debatable matter for it usually involves exaggeration. It may be lawful if they are sincere and contain no exaggeration, but it is better to avoid them to be on the safe side. If someone wants to offer condolences, they can write a letter or call by the phone or visit the deceased's family, this is more perfect.

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