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What is a ritual? Ritual is symbolic activity that help us, together with our families and friends, express our deepest thoughts and feelings about life's most important events. In my opinion rituals can also be called tradition, which changes from family to family. For example a ritual, or tradition, is going to church every Sunday or having lunch with relatives on Christmas.   
Also the funeral ritual can be considerate a tradition, but with a difference: everyone prefers to avoid it. It is a public, traditional and symbolic means of expressing our beliefs, thoughts and feelings about the death of someone loved. Rich in history and rife with symbolism, the funeral ceremony helps us acknowledge the reality of the death, gives testimony to the life of the deceased, encourages the expression of grief in a way consistent with the culture's values, provides support to mourners, allows for the embracing of faith and beliefs about life and death, and offers continuity and hope for the living. These are the various meaning of the funeral ritual, which morning-avoiding people are slowly losing because is easier escaping from the grief and consequences than faces and exceeds them.  
Another form of ritual is the memorial, the difference is that the memorial is referred to the folk. A war memorial is a building, monument, statue or other edifice to celebrate a war or victory, or to commemorate those who died or were injured in a war. For example in Great Britain in 2014, people were invited to write a letter to ”The Unknown Soldier” , that his statue is situated in Paddington station in London. There were two systems to wrote a letter: the first is that people can post the letter to a website, and the second is that people wrote a letter on paper. The purposes of the project were: to be open to everybody, to get letters from people who would never think of themselves as writers and to receive at least a thousand letters on our website a day for each of the thirty-five days that the site is open.  
In my opinion these sort of memorial are better than others because involves lots of people from different ages.