



Eulogy Template Example

The parts in CAPITAL LETTERS are headings that show you the structure of the funeral speech. You don't include them in your speech.

INTRODUCTION

A famous writer once said "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give".

If that is true, then _____ (name of deceased) made a great life. He/She was the most giving person I've ever known. And judging from the nodding heads I see in front of me, it seems that many of you agree.

EARLY LIFE

_____ (name) was born _____ (full birth name) on _____ (their birthdate) in _____ (city). He/She was the _____ (first, second, only) child of _____ (name of loved one's father) and _____ (name of loved one's mother). They lived in _____ (city) from _____ (year) to _____ (year), and later moved to _____ and _____.

SCHOOLING AND WORK

_____ (name) went to _____ and _____ (name of schools) and graduated with _____ (name of degree or training). He/She then went to work for _____ (name of company) as a _____ (name of position). Over the years, _____ (name) also worked for _____, _____ and _____ (name of other companies) OR also worked in _____ and _____ (type of job, e.g. sales, teaching, farming, homemaking).

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

In _____ (year) _____ (name) met _____ (name of spouse) and they were married _____ (number) years later. Eventually they had _____ (number) children, _____, _____ and _____ (names of their children). Last year, _____ (name) and _____ (spouse's name) celebrated their _____ (number, e.g. 50th) wedding anniversary.



HOBBIES AND SERVICE

_____ (name) was very active in the _____ (church, community, local theatre, quilting, volunteer firefighting). He/She devoted many hours to _____ (hobby or service) and was known for _____ (what person was known for in the hobby or service, e.g. her exquisite quilt designs; always being ready with a helping hand; always having a positive attitude).

MEMORIES

I asked family and friends to tell me what they remember most about _____ (name). There are so many good memories. _____ . _____ . _____ . _____ . (list 5 or 6 memories in short sentence form, e.g. Playing music together. Fishing at Ajax Lake. His big hearty laugh. The time we went to Disneyland and Susie got lost). One that I remember in particular is the time when _____ (tell a longer story that illustrates your loved one's personality – this can be a heart-warming story or a humorous story).

SUMMING UP

_____ (name) was a remarkably _____ (an adjective, e.g. good; thoughtful; hardworking; fun-loving) person. He/She was a person of great _____ and _____ (two words that describe the person's character, e.g. devotion, integrity, love, compassion, service, humor).

Above all, _____ (name) believed in _____ (the person's highest value, e.g. family, faith, hard work, independence, community, compassion). He/She always said "_____ " (a common saying that illustrates the person's highest value, e.g. "family is the most important thing in life"; "you get out of life what you put into it"; "life is short, so enjoy it while you can!")
Those are words of wisdom that I will always cherish.

In closing, I would like to share this poem with you:
Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you wake in the morning hush, I am the swift, uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight. I am the soft starlight at night.
Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there, I do not sleep.

(name) thank you for being part of our lives. We are all going to miss you.

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