



## SECTION 2

# CRAFTING A EULOGY

### OPENING

- ✓ Begin with a quote that resonates with the essence of life and passing, or share an intriguing detail about the departed.

Example of a quote: "As you embark on this journey, remember you

- ✓ are returning to the radiance you've always been." — Adapted from Aberjhani, *Visions of a Skylark Dressed in Black*

- ✓ Introduce yourself and your relationship with the departed, highlighting how you came to know them.

## THE EARLY YEARS

- ✓ Narrate the early chapters of their life in a chronological manner.
- ✓ Details such as birthplace, parent's names, siblings, educational milestones and any standout achievements during childhood.
- ✓ Share a couple of anecdotes that paint a vivid picture of their upbringing.

## MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

- ✓ Mention the significant relationships in their life, including spouses and children.
- ✓ Describe the circumstances of their marriage, including when and where they met.
- ✓ Highlight any noteworthy wedding anniversaries and the duration of their marriages.

## CAREER

- ✓ Outline their professional journey, including notable positions held and contributions made.
- ✓ Recognize any philanthropic endeavors or volunteer work they engaged in.
- ✓ Emphasize their standout qualities and hobbies that defined them beyond their career

## MEMORIES

- ✓ Reflect on the valuable lessons or guidance imparted by the departed.
- ✓ Discuss their character traits and what made them unique.
- ✓ Share a couple of cherished memories or anecdotes that capture the essence of their personality.  
Examples: memorable trips, favorite pastimes, recurring phrases or beliefs they held dear.

## ENDING

- ✓ Summarize the impact the departed had on those around them and how they will be remembered.
- ✓ Conclude with a poignant quote that encapsulates the significance of their life and the journey beyond
- ✓ Example of a quote: "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened".  
"There are no goodbyes for us... Wherever you are, you will always be in my heart".
- ✓ Offer a closing sentiment, perhaps by sharing a poem, song, or prayer that resonates with the moment.
- ✓ Express gratitude to the departed for their presence in your life and bid them farewell with love and reverence.

**Note:** These eulogy templates are provided as a guide. We encourage you to personalize it with your own memories, anecdotes, and sentiments to truly celebrate the unique life of your loved one.

# EULOGY

## TEMPLATE 1

### OPENING

Thank you all for joining us today to honor and celebrate the life of \_\_\_\_\_ (name). \_\_\_\_\_ (name) was truly an exceptional individual, and I'm sure many of you share the same sentiment. One memory that stands out to me is \_\_\_\_\_ (include a brief anecdote or memory about the deceased).

### EARLY LIFE

\_\_\_\_\_ (name) entered this world on \_\_\_\_\_ (birthdate) in \_\_\_\_\_ (city), as the \_\_\_\_\_ (first, second, only) child of \_\_\_\_\_ (father) and \_\_\_\_\_ (mother). Alongside siblings \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, his/her childhood was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ (include a bit of information about the deceased here, perhaps a memory or a humorous story about the siblings).

### EDUCATION AND WORK

After attending \_\_\_\_\_ (name of schools), \_\_\_\_\_ (name) graduated with \_\_\_\_\_ (name of degree or training). He/She embarked on a fulfilling career journey, spending most of his/her professional life at \_\_\_\_\_ (name of company) as a \_\_\_\_\_ (name of position). \_\_\_\_\_ (name) was known for his/her \_\_\_\_\_ (include a bit of information about the deceased here, perhaps a memory. What was his/her work ethic? Did he/she enjoy the work?).

### MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

In \_\_\_\_\_ (year), \_\_\_\_\_ (name) crossed paths with \_\_\_\_\_ (spouse) and their union was sealed in \_\_\_\_\_ (year). Together, they welcomed \_\_\_\_\_ (number) children into their lives: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ (names of children). Last year marked their \_\_\_\_\_ (number) wedding anniversary, a testament to their enduring love. \_\_\_\_\_ (name) cherished every moment with his/her family, as evidenced by \_\_\_\_\_ (include additional information about the family, perhaps a funny or heartwarming memory).



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## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

In \_\_\_\_ (year), \_\_\_\_ (name) was bestowed with the prestigious \_\_\_\_ (award), a recognition that held deep significance due to \_\_\_\_ (reason). \_\_\_\_ (name) also achieved \_\_\_\_ (include additional information available, if it's significant).

## HOBBIES AND SERVICE / BELIEFS AND PASSIONS

\_\_\_\_ (name) was an active member of the \_\_\_\_ (church, community, volunteer group, etc). He/She dedicated countless hours to \_\_\_\_ (activity), earning a reputation for \_\_\_\_ (descriptor). \_\_\_\_ (name) held a fervent passion for \_\_\_\_ (passion), which manifested in \_\_\_\_ (include additional comments or memories about their hobbies and passions).

## MEMORIES

One of my fondest memories of \_\_\_\_ (name) is when \_\_\_\_ (describe a memorable moment shared with the deceased). This memory perfectly encapsulates \_\_\_\_ (name)'s character and the impact he/she had on those around him/her.

## CLOSING

The world feels a little dimmer without \_\_\_\_ (name) among us, but his/her legacy lives on in the hearts and minds of all who knew him/her. We are grateful for the memories he/she bestowed upon us, and we will carry them with us always. Thank you.



# EULOGY

## TEMPLATE 2

Good [morning/afternoon/evening], everyone. Today, we gather to celebrate the life of [Name of the Deceased], a beloved [family member/friend/colleague] who touched the lives of many. My name is [Your Name], and I have the honor of sharing some memories and reflections on behalf of [Name].

I had the privilege of knowing [Name] for [number of years/months]. [He/She] was not only a [family member/friend/colleague], but [he/she] was also a [mentor/role model/inspiration]. My relationship with [Name] was [describe your relationship and some memorable moments]

[Name] was born on [Date of Birth] in [Place of Birth]. [He/She] grew up in [Childhood Home/City] and attended [School/University]. [Share any significant childhood memories or achievements].

One of the things that made [Name] truly special was [his/her] [insert memorable characteristic or trait]. Whether it was [insert example], [he/she] always had a way of [insert impact or sentiment].

One memory that stands out to me is [share a memorable story or moment]. It encapsulates [Name]'s [kindness/humor/strength] and has always stayed with me.

Throughout [his/her] life, [Name] experienced [describe some significant life events or milestones]. [He/She] faced challenges with [courage/determination/grace] and always found a way to [insert example].



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[Name]'s kindness and generosity touched the lives of everyone [he/she] met. [Share a personal anecdote or sentiment about the impact of the deceased on your life or others].

[Name] lived a life filled with [describe some of their passions, achievements, or significant life events]. [He/She] taught us the importance of [insert values or lessons learned from the deceased].

As we say goodbye to [Name], let us carry forward [his/her] spirit of [love/kindness/compassion]. Though [he/she] may no longer be with us in body, [his/her] presence will forever be felt in our hearts.

May we find solace in the memories we shared and the love that [Name] brought into our lives. Let us honor [his/her] memory by living each day with the same joy, kindness, and grace that [he/she] exemplified.

[Signature]

[Your Name]

