

Helpful Ideas for Writing a Eulogy

- * A funeral service is a tribute and celebration of the life of a loved one. Therefore the service should reflect who that person was and what they meant to family and friends. This is a guide to planning the eulogy and the service you might like for your loved one.
- * Eulogies are about 10 minutes in length. While this may seem like a short period of time but you will find that you can say quite a lot about someone's life in that time.
- * Write as though you are writing to a friend, for that is what you will be doing- writing about your loved one to a supportive group of people that you know.
- * Look back through photo albums, this may give you precious memories of that person that you would like to share with others.
- * Don't be afraid to use humour if you wish where appropriate.
- * You may want to use a special quote to open or close your speech. Look to poetry, songs, and historical speeches for inspiration.
- * Once you have completed your first draft, ask a trusted friend or family member to read over it and suggest any input or changes.
- * When your speech is finished, type or write it out in large print with spaces between the lines so it is easy to read at the service for yourself or whoever to reading the eulogy.

Some ideas you may want to include

- * Schools attended, awards gained
- * Preferences, likes or dislikes
- * Special sayings, stories, qualities
- * Academic or trade qualifications
- * Details of any military service
- * Marriage and children
- * Positions held in organistaions
- * Hobbies, interests and any travel holidays
- * Sporting achievements