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Your Guide To Writing A Eulogy

*The love and stories we share keep the memory
of our loved ones alive.*

Your Moment To Honour A Life

A eulogy, at its core, is a speech delivered at a funeral or memorial service to honour the life of a loved one. But in truth, it is so much more than that. It is a heartfelt moment to reflect on the life lived, the love shared, and the profound impact your loved one had on everyone around them. It is a chance to evoke laughter, spark nostalgia, and share stories that will stay with those who listen, allowing them to remember not only the person who passed but the essence of who they were.

Capturing the entirety of a loved one's life in a single speech can feel overwhelming, especially when the weight of loss is heavy. Take your time with it, knowing that this tribute is a deeply personal expression of love and remembrance.

At Minge Funerals, we have supported countless families in crafting meaningful, emotional tributes to their loved ones. In the next few pages, you will find some tips to get you started. We are here to guide you through the process, ensuring that your eulogy honours your loved one's legacy with care and compassion.



Tips To Help You Get Writing

1

Start from the beginning

Begin by reflecting on your loved one's life from the very beginning. Gather details about their childhood, family, and milestones. Whether it is their early years, education, or early work life, these stories offer valuable insight and paint a picture of their journey.

2

Personalise it

Include meaningful stories from their childhood or experiences you shared together. You can find inspiration in old photos, videos, or letters, which may bring back special memories or quotes that reflect their character.

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Reflect on what made them unique

Think about your loved one's personality and what truly defined them - whether it was their sense of humour, their kindness, or their wisdom. Consider including their hobbies, passions and philosophies that were meaningful to them, as these traits often shaped who they were.

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Add meaningful elements

Enhance the eulogy by incorporating meaningful readings, poetry, or songs that were special to your loved one.

5

Time your speech

Aim for a speech that is around 5-10 minutes, which is typically 1,000 words or less. This keeps the tribute concise and focused, ensuring it is both heartfelt and digestible for the audience.

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Ask for help

Whether it is a close family member, friend, or even a professional, getting support in crafting and delivering the eulogy can lighten the emotional load. You may also consider sharing the responsibility with someone else, ensuring that the tribute is a collective reflection of your loved one's life.

Structuring Your Eulogy

When preparing your eulogy, it is important to organise your thoughts in a clear and thoughtful structure. Here is a suggested outline:



Set the tone and acknowledge the loss

Begin by briefly introducing yourself and your relationship to the deceased.

Acknowledge the grief shared by those present, and express the importance of the moment.



Early life and key milestones

This section offers context and a foundation for understanding their journey, such as significant achievements, career highlights, or life-changing moments.



Personality and unique qualities

Here, describe the personal traits that made them who they were and share specific examples of how these qualities shaped their interactions.



Personal passions and interests

Talk about what brought your loved one joy and fulfillment. Whether it was hobbies, passions, or personal interests, highlight what made them unique.



Relationships and impact on others

Discuss the importance of their relationships with family, friends, and others in their community. Share stories or anecdotes that showcase their character, such as acts of kindness, support they provided, or how they made others feel.



Final tribute and comfort

Offer a final tribute or quote that encapsulates who they were. End with comforting words or reflections, acknowledging the lasting impact of their life and the legacy they leave behind.

A Great Eulogy Speaks From The Heart

A great eulogy is one that feels personal and authentic to you - because it is yours. It is your chance to reflect on all that made them unique, so take the time to speak from the heart and cherish this opportunity to honour their life. Using the tips provided here can help you capture the essence of their personality, passions, and the stories that defined their journey. Remember, this is your moment to share what made your loved one special, and it does not need to be perfect.

At Minge Funerals, we are here to support you every step of the way through the funeral planning process, including assisting with writing a eulogy that truly honours your loved one. If you need guidance or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to reach out.



When the time comes to say goodbye, Minge Funerals is here to create a meaningful and heartfelt farewell that truly honours your loved one.

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