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Writing a Eulogy

**When asked by the family to deliver a eulogy, consider it a great honour.
They value your insight and relationship with the deceased.**

Tips

- **Write first, review and edit**
- **Practice the final version; sometimes it helps to do this in front of a mirror to gauge expression and other body language**
- **Speak slowly, clearly and audibly**
- **Keep it succinct. It's hard to summarize a lifetime of memories but aim for 7-12 minutes.**
- **Remember: it's okay to express emotion.**

**It is important to gather your thoughts and the following headings may serve as a useful guide.
You may find that a theme emerges from the thoughts, memories and stories you've gathered,
that could help to bring the eulogy together.**

Introduction

Introduce yourself and your relationship to the deceased and/or their family.

Biographical information

**When and where was the deceased born; who were/are their parents and immediate family;
significant life events (education, work, partnerships/marriage, friendships, etc.**

Special memories

**Hobbies, talents, family memories, values and what was meaningful for them, favorite sayings,
lessons shared, what made the deceased special.**

Closing

**The impact the individual had on those around them,
express a final goodbye or statement about how their legacy will continue.**