

Common topics to help you prepare a Eulogy

Life story of Person

This document is a guide in assisting you with preparation of a Eulogy usually undertaken by the minister or funeral celebrant. However a family member or friend of the family may wish to do so. Whoever prepares the Eulogy may find the answers to the following questions helpful.

Where was she/he born? On what date?

Did she/he have any brothers or sisters?
(are any still alive?)

What was family life like as a child?

What did her/his parents do for a living?

Where did she/he go to school?

Was she/he a good student?

Did she/he always get into trouble?

Did she/he play any sports or had hobbies as a child? Did she/he form any life-long friendships as a child? How did she/he get on with her/his siblings?

What did she/he do when they left school?

What and where was her/his first job?

Did she/he do any tertiary study?

How did they meet their partner?

What was it that attracted them to each other? When and where did they get married?

How long have they been married?

What was life like when they were first married?

When was the first child born? Name?

Who and how many followed?

What were they like as a parent?

Are there any interesting stories or family secrets that would be worth sharing?

Any memorable family holidays?

What did you enjoy doing the most with your parent?

What did they do during their working life?

Any hobbies or interests they followed during their life? i.e. playing sport, supporting sports team etc.

Was there any outstanding achievement during their life?

How did they get on with the extended family? Son or daughters-in-law, grandchildren?

What sort of personality did they have?

What were some of their likes and dislikes?

What were their good qualities?

What were some of their not so good qualities?

What were their spiritual beliefs and practices?

What was their greatest contribution to life?

How will others remember them?

How would you describe them as a person?

What memories do you have of them that gives us an insight as to what they were like?

Did they have any favourite sayings?

What will you miss most about the deceased?

What would you say to them if you had one more chance? What do you think they would say to you?