

Words of Remembrance on Day of Funeral  
(Phrase used instead of eulogy)

Guidelines:

- Delivered after the prelude song.
- Limited to a maximum of 5 minutes
- One person designated to deliver the remembrance.
- Prepared ahead – written out so as to prevent rambling; fits on one piece of paper.

Tips:

1) Gathering information

Reminisce about what set this person apart. How did this person touch your life and the lives of others? How did this person make a difference?

2) Be Specific

Tell a story that illustrates the person's virtues or qualities. Tasteful humor is good; laughter is healing

3) Avoid trying to say everything – it just is not possible.

It is not a time to “say all the things that I should have said when the person was living.” It is not a time to recall all the details and events of the person's life.

4) Set boundaries

It is not a time for off-color anecdotes that are better suited for a roast or toast. No need to mention the person's vices. Those who don't know them, don't need to hear them now.

5) Practice delivering the reflection so you are sure it sounds right and is what you want to say.

6) Relax. Breathe normally and do not rush. Speak clearly and distinctly into the microphone.