



GUIDE *to* WRITING *a* EULOGY

A eulogy can be simply a recollection of personal memories shared at some point in the service by family, friends and work colleagues, and it can also take the form of a potted biography.

Far more complex than the first option, the potted biography or life story calls upon the person preparing it to be something of a story teller and creative writer if he or she is to hold the attention of mourners.

If it's decided that a chronological account of the deceased's life is what's needed then the recollections of dates and places of other family members will be very important in the story-telling process.

This eulogy or 'potted biography' will cover such areas as childhood, adolescence, adulthood and in many cases old age, stopping along the way to make reference to and expand upon:

- Employment
- War service
- Marriage
- Children
- Grandchildren
- Favourite holiday destinations/hobbies/past times
- Personal anecdotes
- RSL/club memberships etc
- Sporting interests
- Interest in – books/music/films/television
- Favourite expressions/nick names
- Who was he/she? Half a dozen words that best describe him/her
- What you will miss and always remember