

How to write a Eulogy

A step-by-step guide from Sensible Funerals

Writing a Eulogy for your loved one ensures that their stories are shared at their Celebration of Life. We've compiled this step-by-step guide to help you pass on their legacy:

What should I include?

- **Personal Details:** Full name, date of birth, parents, siblings, and early childhood tales—including their hometown or immigration journey to Australia.
- **Dates and Major Milestones:** Marriage, purchasing a first home, and the arrival of children or grandchildren.
- **Education & Employment:** Schools attended, degrees or trades earned, military service, and career achievements. Decades of dedication to a company or field are worth highlighting.
- **Personality & Core Qualities:** Share what made them unique—their sense of humor, personal values, and how they impacted their community.
- **Highlight Stories:** Incorporate family anecdotes, favorite travel stories, or lighthearted inside jokes.

What do I do next?

1. Set Aside Focused Time

Find a quiet space, make a cup of tea, and sit down without distractions. Start with a rough draft—focus on getting your thoughts on paper first before editing.

2. Practice Reading Aloud

Once you have a working draft, read it aloud. This helps you gauge speech timing, identify awkward phrasing, and practice your delivery.

Remember you can always ask a family member, friend or your Funeral Director to read the Eulogy out on the day. It's important that your loved one's story is shared.