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Eulogies are defined as writing in praise for a person’s home going. Also it can be described as a personal speech. This should be a time of celebration, but we all know that sometimes funerals don’t really go as planned like that. This is given by a family member or close friend of the deceased; the person delivering this should have great honor in completing their task. A Eulogy is a way to share emotions of the loved one that others may not be aware of; with these encouraging words the family may find it comforting. A eulogy can be very difficult to write because the emotions that are involved could be a hindrance of giving the eulogy and being strong for the family.

Sometimes it is good for you to write the Eulogy, but have someone else read it because if you were close to the deceased then it can be very hard to present the Eulogy. People will expect a great deal of emotion and will understand if you will not be able to speak. As one is writing the Eulogy you should know what to include in the eulogy and try not to go overboard with what you are trying to say. It may also be a good idea for you to write the Eulogy ahead of time before the funeral because it may be good to step away from the Eulogy for a few days. Make sure you are not strained with emotion because this will be a set back from writing the eulogy, let alone trying to present it at a funeral. It is good to rehearse your Eulogy, but not too much where emotions start to come and you realize that you won’t be able to say the Eulogy.

Eulogies are supposed to be said at funerals but at many denominations, do not allow eulogies. A eulogy can also, well is set to be to praise a person in the time of grief; which is delivered to the family in the time of need of the deceased loved one. When a eulogy is written it needs to be very respectable and very uplifting and brighten up the family’s time of grief. A Eulogy is not to be written to have negative thoughts; any bad habits should not be said in a eulogy about the person. A eulogy should include the success of the person’s life and what positive things the person has done; like a summary of what the person has done.

Eulogies are set for the bereaved family. When we think of death most of us are afraid to have a discussion with the inevitable event that will impact us all. Some of us refuse to even visit the funeral home to make pre-death arrangements and we leave all of the requirements for those who will be in charged for preparing for this day. We give all kinds of instructions, who should do this, and should do that, not realizing that when death strips us of voting rights and rights to suggest what we want. But most of all death gives us an even greater reward than anything this side of heaven has to offer. We must realize that death is a glorious thing that occurs and we should take these moments to reflect on the life that has been lived. Our transition from death to life such a paradox, how can we die to live? The Bible says to live is Christ and to die is a gain; so that tells us we must die to get our rewards; this is what a eulogy should also contain. Pointing out different features that should be in eulogy will let the family know that God has everything under control. God couldn’t just let us to live always because someone on Earth could just think they could live eternally on Earth, this is not promised by God. He can’t allow us to receive the prize here, then it wouldn’t reward be a reward. Everyone would have the privilege of enjoying the things that has been laid aside for us.

So a eulogy should be encouraging and uplifting. At funerals a eulogy could be so powerful that people start to get saved. Sometimes people can take the privilege of encouraging and empowering a sad family and turn it into a showcase and that’s where you can lose people. There are people that will go to a funeral that won’t attend church on a regular basis. So when a sermon is being prepared it should be a self-less one and not a selfish one. Because even though the loss of a loved one may be sad and hard to deal with, funerals are still at the church which means there should always be an opportunity for those don’t know Christ to get to know him. God will use death to usher us to greater life in Him. While presenting a eulogy people tend to get lost instead of trying to be focused on what is being presented. I have to say when my granddaddy died I actually was not paying attention to the Eulogy.

Even though the eulogy is being presented to keep that family happy and interested gets hard. The family could be appalled and still in shock about what happened to their family member or friend. All Eulogies sort of end the same, the ending should have uplifting and encouraging words to the family so that they realize that everything will be ok and the deceased family member is in a better place. However, no one wants their last memory of the person of death because sometimes it’s very hard to deal with when you haven’t spoke with a person in a long time, and then all of a sudden they have passed away; no one wants to deal with that. A person who gives a eulogy has a great heart because I know that it is very difficult to say a eulogy; I give that person the most respect.