

How to Write a Eulogy using Claude (courtesy Bill Bahr, 3/10/26)

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Q: How do I write a eulogy using AI?

A: Here are some practical ways to use AI to help write a eulogy:

Start with raw material. Give the AI as much detail as possible about the person — their personality, memorable stories, quirks, relationships, values, and impact on others. The more specific you are, the more personal and meaningful the result.

Use AI as a drafting partner, not a ghostwriter. Rather than asking for a complete eulogy upfront, try:

- "Help me organize these memories into a structure"
- "Turn these bullet points into flowing paragraphs"
- "Make this section feel warmer/more celebratory/less formal"

A good prompt structure looks like this:

"I'm writing a eulogy for [name], who was [age] and passed away from [cause if relevant]. They were known for [3-4 traits]. Key stories I want to include: [stories]. The tone should be [warm/humorous/reflective]. The audience will be [family/coworkers/close friends]. Help me write a 3-minute eulogy."

Iterate and personalize. AI drafts often sound generic at first. After getting a draft, read it aloud and flag anything that doesn't sound like *you* — then ask the AI to revise specific sections. Add inside jokes, specific names, and details only you would know.

Things AI is especially good at:

- Structuring your thoughts when you're overwhelmed with grief
- Suggesting transitions and opening/closing lines
- Finding the right tone when emotions make it hard to write
- Trimming a draft down to a target length

Things only you can provide:

- The specific stories and memories
- The person's voice and humor
- What they truly meant to people

Would you like help writing one right now? If you share some details about the person, I can help you draft something meaningful.