

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

<https://gemini.google.com/app>

Q: How do I write a eulogy using AI?

Gemini said

Writing a eulogy while grieving is one of the hardest creative tasks anyone can face. Using AI as a collaborator can help break through the "blank page" syndrome and organize your thoughts when your headspace is heavy.

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Here is a guide on how to use AI effectively and respectfully to honor your loved one.

1. Choose Your Approach

You have two main paths depending on how much guidance you want:

- **Specialized Tools:** Services like **FuneralSpeech.AI**, **DeathNote.ai**, or **FuneralFolio** are built specifically for this. They use "guided questionnaires" that ask you about the person's traits, favorite sayings, and your relationship to generate a structured draft.

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- **General AI (like Gemini or ChatGPT):** This gives you more flexibility. You can provide a "brain dump" of memories and ask the AI to organize them into a 3–5 minute speech.

2. The "Brain Dump" Prompt

The secret to a non-generic eulogy is the **specifics**. AI is great at structure, but only *you* have the memories. Copy and adapt this prompt:

"I need to write a eulogy for my [Relationship], [Name]. I am feeling overwhelmed. I will provide a list of memories and facts below. Please organize these into a heartfelt, [Tone: e.g., witty/traditional/uplifting] eulogy that lasts about 4 minutes (roughly 600 words).

Key Details:

- **Personality:** [e.g., Stubborn but fiercely loyal, loved bad puns]
- **Life Work:** [e.g., Was a nurse for 30 years, loved gardening]

- **Favorite Memory:** [e.g., The time we got lost on the road trip to Maine]
- **Legacy:** [e.g., Taught us all that family comes first]

Please start with an introduction and end with a final goodbye message."

3. The Essential "Human Check"

AI can occasionally "hallucinate" (make up facts) or use clichés like "a life well-lived" too often. To make it authentic:

- **Fact-Check:** Ensure dates, names, and specific achievements are 100% accurate.
- **Inject Voice:** If the AI uses a word you would never say, change it. If your loved one had a specific catchphrase, make sure it's in there.
- **The "Lump in Throat" Test:** Read it aloud. If a section feels "too perfect" or robotic, replace it with a raw, simple sentence from your heart. Simple language often resonates more deeply than polished prose.

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Ethical Note

Some people feel using AI for a eulogy is "impersonal." However, think of the AI as a **digital scribe**. If you were too upset to write, you might ask a friend to help you get the words down—AI is simply a tool to help you find the strength to start the tribute your loved one deserves.

Would you like me to help you draft an outline? Just tell me a few things about your loved one and the tone you're aiming for.