

Preparing a Eulogy.

There is no good time to have to prepare for a funeral, whether it is your own, or someone else's. Strong emotions may surprise you, and challenge your sense of personal identity, or your relationship with God. Even feelings of anger may surface.

Very occasionally it is necessary to prepare in advance, for your own funeral, providing information that family, friends, or the vicar is unlikely to know. It is better to share family secrets before the day of the funeral, but human nature being what it is, that is not always possible. Consequently I have prepared these questions for you to use as the basis and structure which you may like to use when preparing for a funeral eulogy. Not all these questions will be relevant, and especially so in cases of great tragedy or untimely deaths. You are urged to contact the vicar in such cases.

Feel free to add your own, or to ignore any of these questions, or to use an entirely different format. With that caveat in mind, these questions might help you think about what you would like to say. It is possible to print this off and keep it with your will, or email it to the vicar.

Full Name of the Deceased

Name they were known by usually

N was born – date and place?

Parents names?

Brothers and sisters?

Any surviving?

Will they be coming to the funeral?

School

Left school to work as ...

Did he / she work there a long time?

Where did he / she live?

Did they marry?

When did you/ they meet?

What did you like to do when courting?

Were they married - or in a civil partnership?

More than once?

Are there any other significant relationships?

Any children? Grandchildren?

During the war?

If female...did they work after getting married?

When did they retire?

If a Church funeral: any specific links with the Church?

Hobbies

Holidays- where to ? How often?

Birthdays/ Christmas spent with the family around them?

Pets?

Something about their character...

.Is there anything else that should be mentioned?