



## FUNERAL PREPARATION GUIDE.

This is the one day you have to say goodbye, to celebrate a great life and to meet with family and friends to share your feelings and give support.

At Rosedale Funerals we assist you in compiling and presenting your wishes with compassion, trust, respect and dignity.

A eulogy is a common speech presented at a memorial or funeral service. It can be delivered by a family member, close friend, priest, minister or celebrant and it commemorates and celebrates the life of the deceased.

The most important thing is to **write from your heart** and express what means the most to you. And remember you don't have to do it alone – there are family, friends and resources around that can help.

### **What to include in a eulogy.**

- When and where was the deceased born?
- Nicknames and/or names they are known to others by and why.
- Parents names, names of brothers and sisters.
- Early childhood – localities and interests.
- Schools attended, awards gained, academic achievements or trade qualifications.
- Some interesting anecdotes or events about childhood days or life experiences.
- Details of any war or military service.
- Marriages, children, grandchildren/great grandchildren, significant relationships.
- Membership of clubs or organisations and positions held.
- Details of sporting achievements, hobbies or interests, travel, crafts etc.
- Events of historical significance.
- Details of activities e.g. music, theatre etc.

- Any special stories, sayings and qualities of significance.
- Special readings, music or poetry to be included.