

Sample Eulogy — Father Tribute

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Eulogy for a Father

(Sample Work — Emotional, Warm, Modern, Story-Driven)

Thank you for coming to celebrate the man who loved and “daddied” at 100% — every single day. He was known as a hard worker, a great friend, and an exceptional father. He had a passion for living for those he loved — to a fault. This passion for living and loving helped him survive life through insurmountable circumstances.

He had a way of making people feel not only heard, but truly *seen* — for everything they were. In his work life, he was thoughtful, positive, and always willing to go the extra mile. Whether someone needed a light for their smoke, a dry joke on a bad day, or help finishing an order after hours at the print shop, he showed up.

I was always impressed by the friends and pleasant acquaintances he made along his professional journey. He was a dedicated worker until he literally couldn’t move his body parts anymore. I’m sure Gents with Tents, Elmhurst College Printshop, and Pal Joey’s Restaurant and Bar were all better places because he was in them.

There was a point in life where he was working three jobs... and still managed to play catch in the yard, assistant-coach youth football, and show up to just about every band concert, chocolate-chip-cookie craving, and teenage-girl emergency — no matter the hour.

That’s a champ.

He had a repertoire of sayings he didn’t just teach — he *ingrained* them in us. They were meant to inspire, to lecture, and to love:

- “You are who you hang with.”
- “Preconceptions cause limitations.”
- “Every time you point a finger, you’re pointing three right back at yourself.”
- “You finish what you start.”
- “Never underestimate the importance of hard work.”
- “Think before you speak.”

These weren’t just phrases — they were the backbone of how he lived.

The priceless life lessons he taught me began with the power of unconditional love — something I learned by example. What made his love so special was that he *chose* me, unconditionally, no matter the mean words, the tribulations, the highs and lows. Every day.

Life looked very different once he became sick, disabled, and eventually terminal. He demonstrated perseverance and courage in ways that changed us. He taught my siblings and me that we can put one foot in front of the other, accomplish hard things, and strive to live every day — even when life feels impossible.

That lesson transformed my outlook on fear. I try to maintain that forward motion — to heed my responsibilities to my household and family — and I am always reminded of his example: keep trucking with strength to show, resources to share, and most importantly, unwavering love to give.

Closing Blessing & Symbolic Farewell

Dad, as we say goodbye today, we're not closing your story — we're carrying it forward. The strength you showed, the love you gave, and the lessons you lived will continue to guide us in ways both quiet and profound. Your presence shaped our lives, and your absence will shape us too — not with emptiness, but with the reminder of how deeply you loved.

May your memory be a steady light for us — the kind that doesn't demand attention, but gently illuminates the path ahead.

May we honor you by living with the same perseverance you showed, the same humor you shared, and the same devotion you gave so freely.

And may we find comfort in knowing that love like yours doesn't end; it simply changes form.

Tonight, and in all the days to come, we carry you with us — in our choices, in our stories, and in the parts of ourselves that you helped build.

So here's our blessing for you, Dad:

May you rest in peace, surrounded by the same love you poured into this world.

May your spirit be light, your burdens gone, and your journey onward gentle.

And may we feel you in every moment of courage, every act of kindness, and every bit of laughter that reminds us of you.

And as a symbolic gesture — one that feels true to your life — we release you with gratitude.

Gratitude for the years we had, the memories we hold, and the love that remains.

Your story continues in us.

Your light continues in us.

And your heart continues in us.

We love you, Dad.

Always.

