**[Your Name]**
**[Relationship to Deceased]**

**Thank you all for coming together today to honor the life of [Deceased’s Name].**

Your presence here is a testament to the love and respect we all feel for [Deceased’s Name]. As [his/her/their] [son/daughter/father/sister/friend], it is my privilege to share these words with you.

Saying goodbye is never easy, but today, we gather not only to grieve but to celebrate a life that touched so many. [Deceased’s Name] was someone who brought light into our lives, and it’s difficult to express how deeply [he/she/they] will be missed.

[Deceased’s Name] was born in [Location] on [Date], and from the very beginning, [he/she/they] was known for [traits, interests, or activities]. Growing up, [Deceased’s Name] [describe favorite childhood activities or personality traits, e.g., had an infectious laugh, loved exploring nature, etc.]. [He/She/They] spent [his/her/their] early years [share a bit about childhood, such as hobbies, close friends, or memorable stories]. [Deceased’s Name] built lasting bonds with those around [him/her/them], and is survived by [names or relationships of surviving family members].

Throughout [his/her/their] life, [Deceased’s Name] formed meaningful relationships and left an indelible mark on those who knew [him/her/them]. [He/She/They] shared a special bond with [list close family or friends], and [he/she/they] is survived by [names or relationships of surviving family members]. I know each of you feels the weight of this loss, and as we grieve together, I hope we can also reflect on what made [Person>Deceased’s Name] so special to each of us.

When I think of [Deceased’s Name], three words come to mind: [adjective], [adjective], and [adjective]. These words only begin to describe the remarkable person [he/she/they] was. Each of us has our own memories of how [Deceased’s Name] shared [his/her/their] love, humor, and wisdom with us. I’m sure you could each add your own words—your own stories—because [he/she/they] touched us all in unique ways.

[Deceased’s Name] had a passion for [hobbies, causes, or activities they loved]. [He/She/They] found joy in [specific things they enjoyed doing, e.g., gardening, traveling, helping others, etc.], and [he/she/they] truly made the most of the time [he/she/they] spent with [family, friends, community]. [He/She/They] loved deeply and cherished every moment with [who or what they enjoyed most], leaving behind countless memories that we will always hold close.

More than anything, [Deceased’s Name] was special. [He/She/They] mattered. [He/She/They] lived a life full of meaning, and the impact [he/she/they] made on our lives will never be forgotten. One thing I will always admire about [Deceased’s Name] is [specific trait or action, e.g., their unwavering strength, their generosity, their ability to make everyone feel valued, etc.]. I admire the way [he/she/they] lived and loved, and I know many of you do too.

We will all miss [Deceased’s Name] dearly, but we will carry [his/her/their] memory in our hearts forever. Today, as we remember and celebrate [his/her/their] life, may we continue to honor [his/her/their] legacy with the same love, courage, and kindness that [he/she/they] showed each of us.

I’d like to end with a quote that reflects the love and legacy [Deceased’s Name] leaves behind:

*"Those we love and lose are no longer where they were, but they are wherever we are." – St. John Chrysostom*

Love has a remarkable way of enduring beyond absence. The connections we cherish don’t vanish; instead, they become deeply woven into who we are. As Helen Keller so beautifully expressed, *"All that we love deeply becomes a part of us."* The memories, laughter, and love we shared continue to shape our days, reminding us that those we hold dear truly remain with us—wherever we go.

Thank you for being here today to celebrate [Deceased’s Name]’s life. May we honor [his/her/their] legacy by living with the same love, courage, and kindness that [he/she/they] shared with us.