Eulogy template for a mother or father

Replace the words in [brackets] with your own. Cross out any sentence you do not need.

Thank you for coming. I am [your name], [Mom's/Dad's] [oldest, youngest, middle] child, and I am speaking for [names of brothers and sisters] as well.

[Mom/Dad] [one sentence about what they did every day: the job, the house, the routine everyone knew].

When we were children, [a memory from childhood: a rule of the house, a meal, a trip, a thing they said every night].

[He/She] was not perfect. [One gentle, honest detail: a stubbornness, a habit, something the family teases about.]

As we grew up, we began to see [what you understood about them only as an adult].

[A story from the later years, or from the last months, that shows who they were to the end.]

[What each of you carries: a skill, a saying, a way of doing things.]

[Mom/Dad], [say it directly: we were listening, we will look after each other, thank you].