What are **Words of Remembrance**?

Words of Remembrance are **not** a eulogy.

Rather, they are an opportunity for **one** family member or friend to speak in loving remembrance of the decedent’s characteristics which manifested his or her faith in God and how the decedent attempted to live the Christian life to love God and our neighbor as Christ taught us.

If the family desires to have a eulogy, the appropriate time for that would be at the wake service, at the burial, or at the reception after the Funeral Mass. Words of Remembrance may also be offered at any of these moments.

If the Words of Remembrance are offered during the Funeral Mass, the following norms **must** be observed:

- They must be written out.
- They may not exceed 3 minutes.
- They must be submitted to the priest beforehand for his review (frcutler@diobpt.org).
- Only **one** person may offer Words of Remembrance.
- They occur after the Prayer After Communion.