EULOGY

1. Introduction
2. “We are gathered here today to remember the lives of those lost in this tragic accident, we are here to reminisce on the good times we spent together. They may be gone but never forgotten, and will forever be in our hearts…”
3. This is what you may hear at a memorial service. This speech is also known as a eulogy. Today we’re going to be describing the basic elements of a eulogy while also providing an example.

Transition: One of the first parts of a eulogy is recognizing what it actually is.

1. Description of eulogy
2. Definition
3. According to Beebe & Beebe of the *Public Speaking Handbook*, a eulogy is “a speech tribute delivered when someone has died”.
4. It can be one of the most significant and memorable but also one of the most challenging forms of tribute.
5. Also, According to the *Public Speaking Handbook,* these are the components of a eulogy:
6. Unique achievements
7. Personal and humorous recollections
8. A story that comes to mind when you reflect on a person’s life
9. Emphasize the person’s positive qualities
10. Mention family members and friends of deceased by name
11. *Addionally,* the following is needed in presenting a eulogy:
12. Keep your emotions under control
13. Focus on the person and not the circumstances of his or her death
14. Express a sense of loss
15. Encourage the audience to mourn and feel gratitude
16. Realize that they are in a better place

Transition: Now, we will provide you with a demonstration of a eulogy to our ex-boyfriends. We will reflect on some of the amazing achievements and the recollections that come to mind when we remember our past relationships.

1. Demonstration
2. Unique achievements “we are gathered here today…”
3. He never had money to pay for anything
4. Food, clothes, and anything else needed
5. He never drove anywhere
6. He cheated on me, lied to me, and gave me a black eye
7. He was so self-conscious and insecure, yet so arrogant
8. He was a hardworking guy. He broke up with me to go to college, but never went.
9. He never had a job
10. He did not win the approval of my friends/family
11. Personal recollections
12. I remember when he would come over to my house and prove to my parents that he was a keeper. Thank you for respecting them, I loved when he cursed in front of them.
13. He made me feel so loved when he would blame all of his failures on me and tell me that he wished he’d never met me. I felt like the most loved girl in the world.
14. He was 17 without a license, and I decided to teach him how to drive and he crashed my car.
15. I told him what I wanted to do with my life and he said he would kill himself if I achieved my goals.
16. Expressing a sense of loss
17. In honor of them leaving, Valentine’s Day has now become the new Independence Day.
18. Their departure was so upsetting that we now have time and money to spend on ourselves.
19. Without them, we actually feel good about ourselves. It’s so sad.
20. We miss their sensitive personalities and how they made us cry every night before going to sleep
21. We not only lost our boyfriends, but we also lost a lot of gas, friends, and even our peace of minds.
22. Encouraging the audience to mourn and express gratitude
23. We encourage you to mourn the loss of the best boyfriends ever.
24. We want to thank them for trust issues, high blood pressure, anxiety, paranoia, and for breaking our restraining orders. We thank them, for nothing. No really, we owe it all to them.
25. Without them, we are happier and actually have a life, but we want to show our gratitude to them for giving us the worst moments of our life.
26. Conclusion
27. Today we have described what a eulogy is, how to deliver one and we even left you with memorable, yet humorous demonstration.
28. Through the deaths of our ex-boyfriends, we hope that you see a new perspective on death. Although at times, it may be hard to reflect on the good times and be happy, it is definitely what is important in the grieving process.

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