

Eulogy Speech

(Names and identifiers have been removed/changed. This speech was delivered at the funeral by a top non-profit Association leader.

Friends, loved ones and family of Police Chief _____,

It is an honor and privilege for me to be here today to pay tribute to a very special man, a very special law enforcement professional. He lived his life to the full and he touched so many people during his time with us. _____ was remarkable in many, many ways.

As I read through the many condolences that have come to our Association over the last week, it was brought home to me that _____ took on many important roles that touched people closest to him, people who worked with him day to day, and people who never knew him but who were affected by his tireless advocacy for law enforcement issues in his home state.

First and foremost I want to remember _____ the family man. He loved his family unequivocally and selflessly. He was a devoted husband, father, brother, son, uncle, and grandfather. He took all of these roles to heart and he did everything within his power to honor, support, guide, and (most importantly) love his family. He was always at his happiest when he was talking about his family. His face lit up with a smile and his eyes shone!

_____ was also a Police Chief. More than that: He was a GOOD Police Chief. *John Smith*, Police Chief of (*Jurisdiction deleted*), said it best: “_____ was a *Police Chief's Police Chief*”.

_____ was a defender, a man defiant and the champion of others. He lived a principled life underpinned by a strong sense of right and wrong. He was not a man to ever step back from a challenge; or to let something wrong go unchallenged.

He cared enough to act - to take a stand. Who could ever forget this?

I can't. We can't, and our Nation's Police Chiefs will not!

_____ defined what a good friend should be! He could be counted on and depended on, always. Whether you needed sound counsel, an empathetic ear, a shoulder to lean on; or companionable silence, he would be there for you!

As I look out at the sea of faces here in front of me today, I see so many of _____'s friends and I know that each one of you will miss the friendship that he brought into our lives. I know I will!

Upon hearing the news of _____'s untimely and tragic passing, his Association family responded with many heartfelt words. Please allow me to share some of them with you:

**A SERIES OF QUOTES FROM COLLEAGUES MOURNING THE PASSING OF
THEIR FRIEND FOLLOWED.**

_____ was a respected colleague. He shared his expertise with any of his brother and sister Police Chiefs and law enforcement colleagues who came to him. He worked hard and consistently and he remained an American Police Chief! He never sat back and became complacent. He led by example. _____ was a role model and an inspiration to so many us.

It is very hard to say goodbye and we don't want to, but we need to remember that _____ touched so many people's lives, so positively, and so he will live on in the hearts, minds and actions of us all. He leaves an amazing legacy behind him.

_____ left this world a better place than it was when he found it and for that we always be grateful.

_____, we miss you - but we will remember you fondly - always!

Thank you.