AFFILIATE-EXCLUSIVE BONUS #6

# The Reunion Speech

Starter Kit -- five prompts for a short tribute speech

Asked to say a few words at a reunion, retirement, or memorial? These five prompts will help you build a short, genuine speech in about fifteen minutes.

### 1. Open with a specific memory

Don't start with "I've known [name] for X years." Start with one concrete moment: a specific day, place, or thing they said.

### 2. Name one quality, with proof

Pick a single trait (loyalty, humor, toughness) and give one real example of it -- not a list of adjectives.

### 3. Include one piece of humor

A short, affectionate joke or funny memory keeps a tribute from feeling like a eulogy, even at a serious event.

### 4. Say what they meant to the group

Connect their story to the unit or family as a whole -- what did having them there actually change?

### 5. End with a direct line to them

Close by speaking straight to the person, not the audience. "[Name], thank you for..." lands harder than a general closing.

## QUICK TEMPLATE

*"I want to tell you about the time [specific memory]. That's when I knew [quality] was just who [name] is. [Optional: one line of humor]. Being part of [unit/family] wouldn't have been the same without [him/her/them]. [Name], thank you for [specific thing]."*