

Speech of Tribute Outline

Biographical Section

- a) As a faithful, compassionate, and intelligent woman, Leonor Coronado never failed to find the beautiful outcomes in her life, despite the ugly beginnings she started out with.
- b) After getting married at 17, and raising three children practically on her own, who would soon grow up to carry on the camaraderie and kindness they felt within their family on their own, Leonor faced a lot of challenges in her life. She had to learn for herself what it meant to be a parent and love your kid, because it was a feeling so foreign to her as a young child. There was never a time for her to stop and rest, and the work she did swept her off of her feet countless times, but still, she never failed to get back up.

Obstacles Section

- a) Growing up as one of 7 children, originally 9, Leonor experienced loss from a young age. Her house was always full, and yet, her family felt so empty. Leonor grew up in an environment unfitting for a child, and the unsettling memories did their best to take control of her life, even as an adult.
- b) With the sadness and depression from her past, along with life's troubles as she grew older, it was easy for Leonor to feel the loneliness and disparity that came along with it, and though her body was still there, moving along, Leonor felt frozen in time, unable to spread her wings as she was deep in a state of repression.

Tribute Section

- a) It was at this time that Leonor decided this could no longer go on. Seeking out the help and comfort of a spiritual and healing group called 'Al-Anon', Leonor gradually began to find herself again. The tenacity and perseverance to want a better life for herself overpowered her inner demons. No longer would the memories, the losses, the heartbreak, and doubt continue to rule her life. With unity and solidarity, Leonor began to live for herself once again.
- b) Identifying her connection with herself spiritually, and with others, she had found the piece of herself that was so forgotten for so long, and took it back for herself, and herself only.
- c) In regaining her self-love, Leonor was able to openly and confidently share her love with others as well. A remarkable lesson that many people forget.

Synthesis Section

- a) For Leonor, it wasn't the fearful memories that pushed her to keep going. It wasn't the desire to better herself, simply in spite of others. It was the commitment. The commitment to her group, but more importantly, it rooted from the commitment to herself.
- b) In keeping her faith, Leonor took care of herself as an adult, but also as a child. She would always say, "Never forget the little child inside of you. The child who can feel so forgotten at times. The child who will always need comfort despite how old you may get, and most importantly, the child that deserves happiness. No matter what, never forget to shower them with love and kindness."

- c) By staying true to those words, Leonor had finally been able to spread her wings, and before long, she had grown into a butterfly.
- d) She had proved to many that beauty doesn't always commence from beauty, as she was once a caterpillar, forced to stay on the ground. Forced to endure what was dished out to her. Until, it was time for the season to change, and it was time for her to take charge and find her own way of living, as she began to trekk down her own path.
- e) From Leonor Coronado, my grandmother, I've learned a lot of things. I learned the importance of learning to love and care for yourself, and how that love carries onto others.

Farewell

- a) In realizing that it is never too late to take your life back for yourself, and complete the stages necessary for growth and rejuvenation, it's safe to assume that the butterfly will one day, emerge from its chrysalis, just as you too, can and will overcome your confines, just like a butterfly; as it finally allows itself to embrace its will to fly away from its once forgotten place, trapped in a cocoon that threatened to fall from a branch on the tree.

****No Works Cited page, all information was provided by my grandmother**