

As we stand we here today upon Willy Loman's grave. I'd like to thank the five people that have come here today. You're truly great people to come and visit our fallen ally. I am Willy's wife Linda Loman and I'd like to speak out of sincerity and respect for Willy Loman.

Willy Loman was our Andrew Jackson, he was an common man. More than an man he was my husband and a father to Biff Loman and Happy Loman. He wasn't the best but he always assured us and tried his hardest in life. He would work very hard even up to the age 63 to help provide for the family. Although, he wasn't earning much money anymore he still traveled long distances to try and sell his product and we are very grateful for that. We were relying on his commissions and Charley's loan to pay our expenses. Willy wasn't the smartest nor was the nicest person, he would contradicting himself around others. He once said "Biff is a lazy bun"(16). He then later than say "Biff-he's not lazy"(16). Although it's pretty humorous sometimes when he contradicts himself, I would wonder if Willy was doing okay. Willy Loman had also suffered from frequent flashbacks of the past. I'm sure that getting frequent flashbacks was unhealthy and rather unpleasant for Willy, but Willy could not help it. He nearly hit a kid while driving during one of his flashbacks. He never did treat me nicely or polietly but he's my husband and it was my responsibility to comfort and encourage him. He once said "Stop interrupting!"(64), some people may say that he's an bad person but during this conversation Willy was trying to speak with his son Biff Loman about an business plan and I could be interrupting. Willy Loman wasn't properly raised, he was first abandoned by his father and later

by his older brother Ben. So I can't entirely blame him on being an good husband or good father. He would also get flashbacks with Ben in it causing a mild worry in my head.

Despite Willy's shortcomings I liked Willy's common man attitude and his outlook on life. I once told my sons " I don't say he's a great man. Willy Loman never made a lot of money. His name was never in the paper. He's not the finest character that ever lived. But he's a human being, and a terrible thing is happening to him. So attention must be paid. He's not to be allowed to fall into his grave like an old dog. Attention, attention must be finally paid to such a person."(56). I said this to try to persuade Biff; as a parent myself to reconcile with his father and show Willy more respect, I believed that Willy is an hardworking, working class man, who may not be perfect, but is someone who needs my attention. Willy has once described his funeral in one of his flashbacks he said "Ben, that funeral will be massive! They'll come from Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire! All the old-timers with the strange license plates-that boy will be thunderstruck, Ben, because he never realized- I am known!..."(126). Willy had big dreams and even bigger thoughts in his head. He wanted to be well-known, he wanted a lot people to come to his funeral. So, Willy I am truly sorry that we couldn't accomplish this dream of yours, I sorry that only five people came to your funeral. Well it's great that your family(me, Biff, Happy, Charley, Bernard) came to your funeral.

Willy I'm not really sure why you would commit suicide. I did know that Willy was suicidal, irrational, and difficult to deal with at times; however, I went along with Willy's fantasies in order to protect him from the criticism of others, as well as his own self-criticism. When I discovered the gas pipe, it was upsetting and devastating. I wanted to get rid of it but if I did Willy will find out and would feel criticism. Biff later got rid of the gas pip and I felt some

relief. I believed that Willy decided to commit suicide because he wanted to leave a legacy, I think he tried to plant something to leave a legacy but that failed. Biff had showed his loved for Willy that night and I believe that was the last straw for Willy, he committed suicide shortly after that. I think Willy believe that if he dies than the insurance would help the family and it didn't work out. If I could still talk to him I would tell him to relax a bit, maybe take some time to reflect on problems. I wished I could do more as his wife. Rest In Peace Willy Loman. We will always love and remember you.

