

## **Farewell speech:**

Dear family, friends and colleagues we are gathered here in the church to say goodbye to your father, grandfather, brother, partner or colleague.

Your presence makes me realize even more how intensely Dr. Luc Isebaert was dear to me but in general to a lot of people.

Dr Isebaert,

I can only regret that, in my opinion, you said goodbye to us far too soon.

Our sorrow for the loss and our nostalgia for you is enormous.

Words can't say how sad and sad we all are. Words can't say it, but you would quickly notice, "Words can't say it, but a number might say it is" on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is not sad and 10 is very sad, I may say that for me it is 10. ... Then you would say what's in the 10 and we would go into it further ...

How much did we talk about the scale question? Is it useful or not? When should we ask it? Where did the scale question come from, how did Steve come up with it ... We also wondered "How can we best help clients", "what do we do best and what do we not do best", we also wondered how we can help people to become happier and, as a result, "the three questions of a happy life" ... We have discussed a lot together

I always appealed to you when there were clients as Dr. Isebaert, although you always said to me , it's Luc for you.  
But we were both convinced afterwards that the mandate of a physician could be useful in dealing with our clients.

That's why I kept saying Dr. Isebaert instead of Luc as we were brainstorming together as friends.

I also know that we say goodbye several times a day, but with the knowledge that saying goodbye is temporary.  
Most of the time we see each other again the same day.

Saying goodbye, a concept that is difficult or impossible to comprehend and that is not yet perceptible to us.

Saying goodbye forever is hard for us and makes us sad. Sadness for the final, sadness for the loss.

The goodbye we are saying now is final and irreversible. That's what makes it so difficult. Your death is flooding us with memories of all the joys and sorrows that we have shared together.

Everyone knows that death is part of life, but when someone you love is taken away, only then do we realize what we will miss.

Luc je was a unique and caring person with an optimistic view of life, in which your institute gave the Korzybski institute a very important place in your life.

The first students at the Korzybski Institute ended up in a korzybski society or rather the non-Aristotelien society. Then every year we came to enjoy your food and drink with Myriam, Louis, Bart Dirk, Ingrid, Greetje, Raf and many others.

Together with the Korzybski staff of Belgium, Myriam, Geert and Sebastien, we spent a lot of time during the regular filia's on your philosophical insights, which were seemingly inexhaustible.

You not only created Korzybski Belgium but also a Korzybski group in Paris and the Netherlands in short Korzybski international, with friends like Marie-Christine, Marika, Michael, Steve, Insoo, Yvonne, Barry, Raf and many others.

Since 1996, our solution-oriented systemic model has been called "Het Brugs Model" (the model of Bruges) , which you can be proud of with good reason.

Luc, I'm grateful for everything you've done for me and for our institution.

We look back on years of intensive cooperation and I will now have to learn to live with this great loss.

When I was with you a while ago, we laughed a lot when I dropped out when it is normal to work together in the hospital for 33 years and we never had a fight. You told me, as you can only do this, against the circular thinking that it was "my fault" that we never quarrelled.

Death shows us how vulnerable we all are. In days like these we also experience what we can do for each other in terms of support, strength and comfort.

We at the korzybski institute Belgium, including Myriam Lefevere de Ten Hove, Geert Lefevere and Sebastien Vernieuwe, will make an effort to take good care of your institute. You know that we are doing this because in recent years you have already handed over a lot and thanked us regularly for taking care of your institute.

The beautiful and good times we had with you are much bigger than the sometimes more difficult waters where we went on together.

The sorrow we now have when you die will certainly change in the course of time into a great feeling of gratitude.

Gratitude for all the love and care we received from you. We can only be thankful because we have been able to share a large part of our lives with you.

As long as we continue to talk about you, you will partly live for us. You will continue to live in everything we were allowed to learn from you and all the books, videos and articles you left about your work.

Your perseverance, creative spirit and warm involvement have inspired us and many.

We are grateful to you for the love and all the wonderful moments you have given us.

Despite your illness, you have been able to keep your interest, warmth and humour for everyone around you until the very end. Your last words to me on the phone were: "and how is your wife and children..."

In the short time that you are no longer there, you make us realize how intensely dear your presence was.

In our hearts you will live on forever.

Great is the emptiness you leave behind, beautiful are the memories that remain.

We would have loved to share everything with you for a longer period of time.

We are grateful for all the nice moments we have shared with each other and will continue to collect the many anecdotes we have experienced with you in the future.

Thank you on behalf of Myriam , Geert and Sebastien and all students and sympathizers of the Korzybski Institute.

your last suggestion to us was:

Try to always love the other  
Even if it's only a little bit  
There is always something good in them

Always try to love yourself  
Feed it  
there is so much good in yourself  
if you only look for it

Each farewell is the birth of a memory  
said Salvador Dali

I believe that.

You will always live in our hearts.