

Funeral Service for

WILLIAM “BILL” DONALDSON AM

11TH APRIL 1936 ~ 24TH JULY 2024



2nd August 2024 | 10:00am

THE ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST ALBAN THE MARTYR

A Prayer for Bill

May the Lord wrap Bill in His loving arms, granting him
eternal peace and rest in His heavenly kingdom.





William "Bill"

Donaldson A.M

Treasured husband of

Babs Donaldson

Much loved father and father-in-law of

Tori & Ian McIntosh

David & Shireen Donaldson

Cherished Poppa of

Connor, Callum, Wil and Hugh

Loving brother and brother-in-law of

Christine & Bruce van den Berg

Jock & Helen Donaldson

Alex Donaldson

Pall Bearers

Connor McIntosh Wil Donaldson

Ian McIntosh Hugh Donaldson

Piers van den Berg David Donaldson

Priest

Father Fredrik Le Messieur

Organist

Belinda Aventi

Soloist

Mechlene Nehme





Entrance Hymn

Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save

I have made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refr. Here I am, Lord

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night

I will go, Lord

If You lead me

I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away


I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my words to them
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

Refrain





✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you;

And also with you.

The Priest offers words of welcome.

Eulogies and Reflections

On behalf of the Family

- *Connor McIntosh, Will Donaldson and Hugh Donaldson*

On behalf of Rotary

- *Greg Murphy*

Closing word of thanks

- *David Donaldson*

Followed by Memories and Scenes of Bill's Life.

The Ministry of the Word

Psalm 23

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

2. My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

3. Yea, though I walk through
death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill,
for thou art with me; and thy rod

4. My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.





The New Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

read by Fr Frederik

The Homily

delivered by Fr Frederik

Music for Reflection

Abide with me


Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.





The Prayers

Prayers are offered, concluding with The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father

which art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth

as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

A Musical Reflection

Sunshine on my Shoulder

By Mechlene Nehme




The Farewell

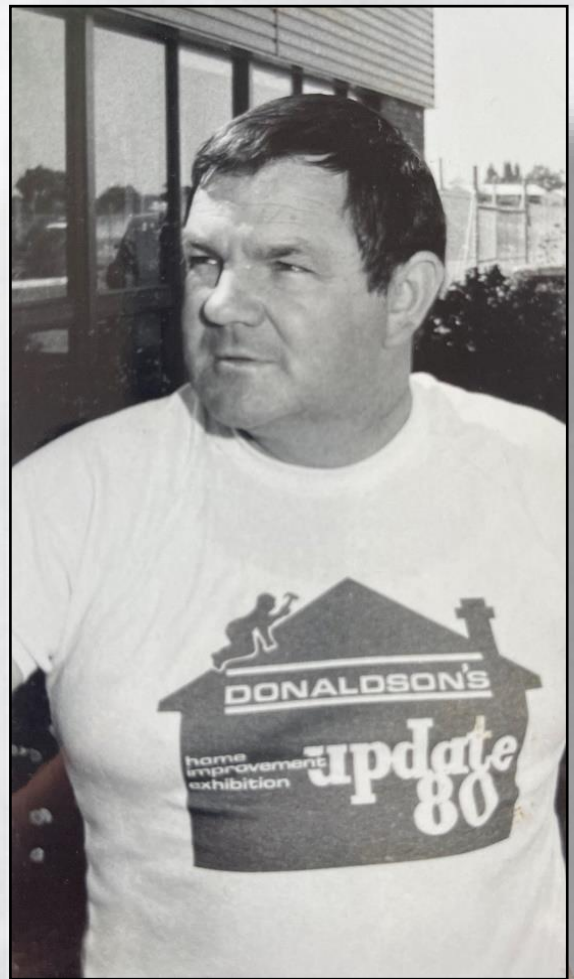
The Priest says

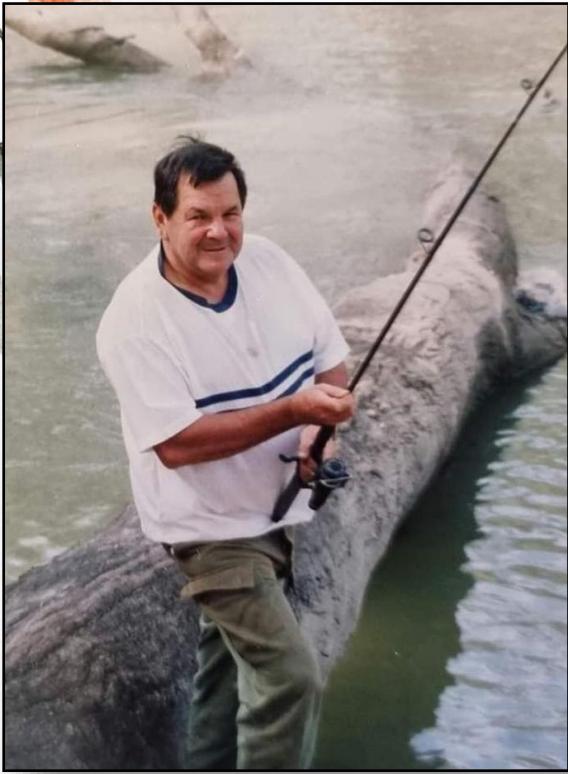
Let us entrust Bill to the mercy of God.

The body is aspersed while a final prayer is said.

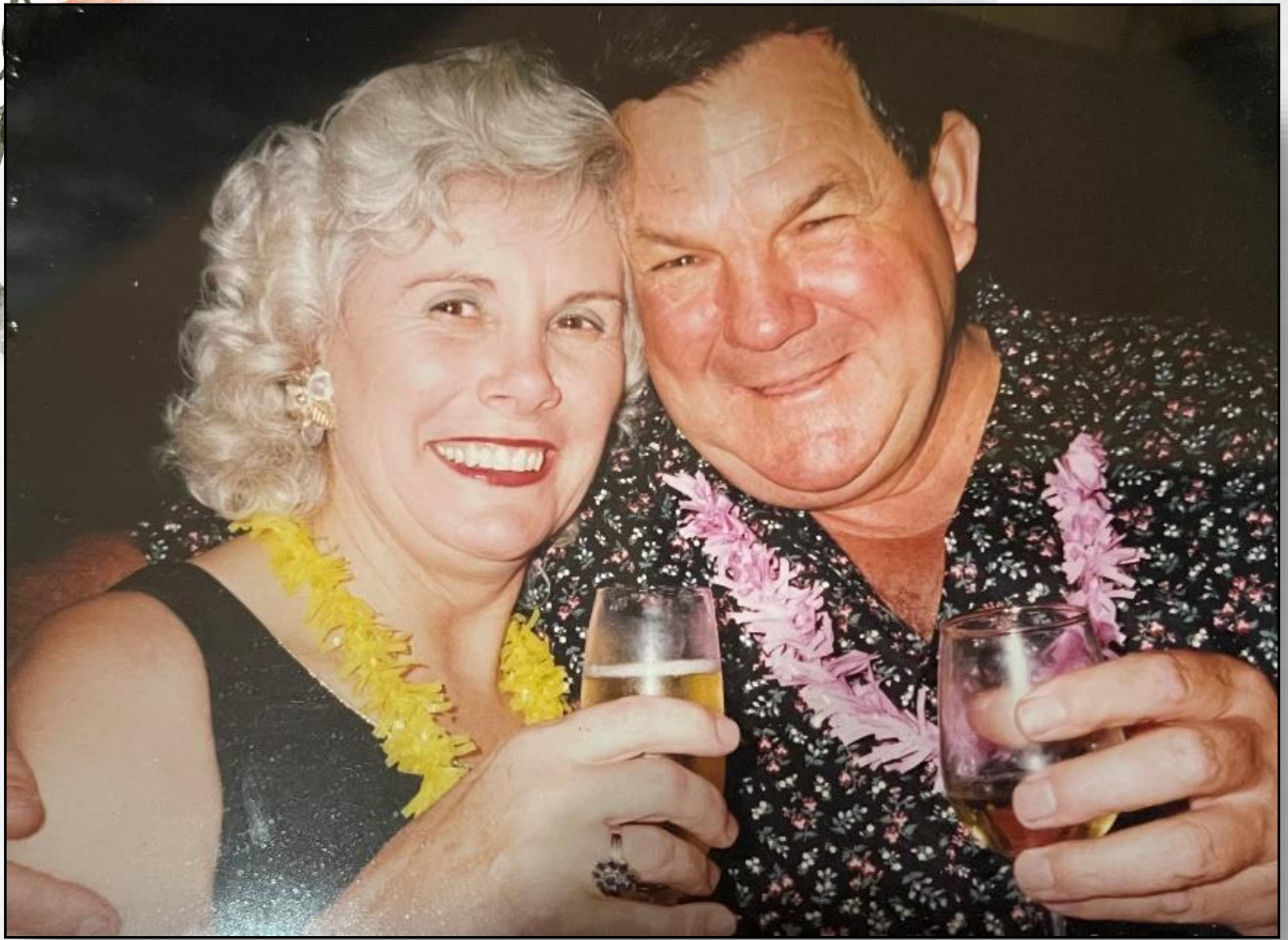
After this a final lament is played by bagpipes as Bill is carried from the church to his final resting place.



















Thank you



for your generosity, cards, flowers, gifts and prayers during this difficult time. Your presence today brings us great comfort.

Please continue sharing as we join at the Romeo & Giulietta's Restaurant following the service at the cemetery.

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