Celebration of Life

John Comerford

27.06.1941 – 12.12.2023

Melbourne Celebration of Life Service
Rosanna Golf Course, 54 Cleveland Ave, Lower Plenty
11:00 AM AEST Wednesday 20th Dec. 2023

Mansfield Funeral Service
McCormack's Mansfield Chapel. 11 Highett St, Mansfield
1:00 PM AEST Friday 22nd Dec. 2023

Order of Service

Gathering Music

The Lonely Shepherd
A Soft Goodbye

You will be invited to stand as a tribute in silence.

Welcome and Introduction

Richard Comerford

Opening Music

Amazing Grace recorded by Josie Comerford

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Eulogy

Patrick Comerford

Song and Reading

Zenon Comerford and Mayumi Comerford

Photographic Tribute to John

Music: Ave Maria

Tributes to John

An invitation for anyone to share a memory

Farewell

Recessional Music (Please stand)

Danny Boy

Oh, Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling
From glen to glen, and down the mountain side.
The summer's gone, and all the roses falling,
It's you, it's you must go and I must bide.

But come ye back when summer's in the meadow,
Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow,
It's I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow,
Oh, Danny boy, oh Danny boy, I love you so!

But when ye come, and all the flowers are dying,
If I am dead, as dead I well may be,
You'll come and find the place where I am lying,
And kneel and say an Ave there for me.

And I shall hear, though soft you tread above me,
And all my grave will warmer, sweeter be,
For you will bend and tell me that you love me,
And I shall sleep in peace until you come to me!

Coffin Bearers

Patrick Comerford
Anthony Comerford
Richard Comerford
Eamon Comerford
Zenon Comerford
Reuben Comerford

May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

The rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Graveside Service in Mansfield

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who 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 and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.

Amen.

Committal, Parting Words and Gaelic Blessing

At the conclusion of the service, you are invited to place some Killarney dirt and rosemary at John's grave.

Your presence is the greatest gift, but if you'd like to extend your condolences further: While some may choose to send flowers, which will be beautifully displayed, a donation to Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Australia or Animals Australia would be another way to honour John's memory.

mndaustralia.org.au or animalsaustralia.org

Please join family and friends for refreshments after the service.

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