Celebrating the life of

André Germain Régis Curinier

25.06.1941 - 19.05.2025

Tuesday 27th May, 2025 at 11.30am
Mansfield Uniting Church Hall
Celebrant : Ann McCormack

Order of Service

Gathering Music
"La Montagne" - *Jean Ferrat*
"La Boheme" - *Charles Aznavour*
"The Lonely Bull" - (El Solo Toro) - *Herb Alpert, Tijuana Brass*

Opening Song (please stand)
"La Vie en Rose" - *Louis Armstrong*

Welcome, Introduction & Announcements
Celebrant, Ann McCormack

Lighting the Candle and placing red roses
Anne, Liam and Elise
"Ave Maria" - *Charles Gounod, Yo-Yo Ma, Kathryn Stott*

Opening Prayers and Reflection
From the family in France read by Regis Bourgeois
"A Common Prayer" *by Michael Leunig*

Remembering André

Eulogy - Liam Murphy

Memories
Ben Cooper
Simon Mitchell
Simon Pluim

Message from France

Reading "A Letter from Hospital" - *read by Hannah Mitchell*

The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches...
They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports...
It is in hospitals that you see a homophobe being saved by a gay doctor.
A privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar...
In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist...
A police officer and a prisoner in the same room receiving the same care.
A wealthy patient waiting for a liver transplant, ready to receive the organ from a poor donor...

It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people, that different worlds intersect according to a divine design. And in this communion of destinies, we realise that alone, we are nothing.
The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss.
A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence.
This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it fighting with people.
Do not criticise your body too much.
Do not complain excessively.
Do not lose sleep over bills.
Make sure to hug your loved ones.
Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless.
Material goods must be earned by each person—do not dedicate yourself to accumulating an inheritance...
You are waiting for too much: Christmas, Friday, next year, when you have money, when love arrives, when everything is perfect...
Listen, perfection does not exist.
A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here.
Here, we are given an opportunity to learn.

So, make the most of this trial of life—and do it now.
Respect yourself, respect others. Walk your own path, and let go of the path others have chosen for you.
Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere.
Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely!
And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator."

Author unknown

Glimpses of André's Life and Loves

"Moonlight Serenade" - *Glenn Miller Orchestra*
"La Mer" – *Charles Trenet*
"Ave Maria" - *Charles Gounod, Yo-Yo Ma, Kathryn Stott*

Reflection in Love and Gratitude

"He is Gone" - *read by Tristan Bergmoser*

You can shed tears that he is gone
Or you can smile because he has lived

You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
Or you can be full of the love that you shared

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday

You can remember him and only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on

You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what he would want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

by David Harkins

Farewell

Extinguishing the candle

Parting words and Apache Blessing

"May the sun bring you new energy by day,
may the moon softly restore you by night,
may the rain wash away your worries,
may the breeze blow new strength into your being,
may you walk gently through the world
and know it's beauty all the days of your life."

Recessional Music:
"What A Wonderful World" - *Louis Armstrong*
"I'll Be Seeing You" - *Billie Holiday*
"On The Road Again" - *Willie Nelson*

Coffin Bearers
Ben, Simon, Richard
Mick, Ian & Regis

You are invited to place rosemary with André's coffin and then form a Guard of Honour for André to pass through as he takes his final journey via the family home.

Family, Adventure, Hard work, Australia, Red wine, Blue cheese, Positivity, The Outback, Fishing, Dancing, Fixing, Beef Bourguignon, Cooking, French family, Super glue, His garden, Great hugs, Shucking Oysters, Saucisson, Road trips, Texas Ranger, Omelettes, Pancakes, Lilydale, Renault, France, Trout, Determination, Generosity, Hospitality, Rutherglen, "Oatmeal", Murray Cod, Western movies, Melbourne Storm, Western Bulldogs, The Troopie, Roof top sleeper, Tools, No, Soccer, Birds, Ma puce, French Camembert, Foie gras, Yabbying, Eeling, Cognac, Châteauneuf de Pape, Symphony, Coffee chats, Strength, Resilience, Storytelling, Mentor, Diary writing, Toyota, Mt Buller, Mansfield, André's at Buller, The Motel, Lake Eildon, Red Roses, Broome, the Kimberly, Vals-Les Bains, The Ardeché, Bali, Canning Stock Route, Gentleman, Simple life, Friends, That Smile.

Thank you for attending to celebrate André's life and for your kind expressions of sympathy and support.

After the service, please join family and friends for refreshments at the Magnolia Tree to share more memories of André.

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