

Celebrating the Life of



ARNIE BROWN

9TH JULY 1936 ~ 22ND JUNE 2022

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST ALBAN THE MARTYR,
GRIFFITH

WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE 2022



Arlene Elizabeth Brown

Dearlly loved wife of

the late Bob Brown

Loved mother and mother-in-law of

Malcolm & Maree

Stephen & Geoff

Linda & Stan

Grandmother of

Katie, Angela, Martin, Bridgette, Vienna and Rock

Great grandmother of

Edith and Tully

Special friend of

Jimmy James



ORDER OF SERVICE

*Throughout the service, please join in the congregational responses, marked in **bold typeface**.*

Opening Music: Maggie by Foster and Allen

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

St Paul says, 'I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

Romans 8.38-9.

Let us pray.

Loving God, you alone are the source of life.

**May your life-giving Spirit flow through us,
and fill us with compassion, one for another.**

In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace.

**Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Poem:

'My First Christmas in Heaven'

Read by Linda

The Eulogy:

Read by Clive Haese

written by Arnie's family.



'My First Christmas in Heaven'

I see the countless Christmas trees
Around the world below,
With tiny lights like Heaven stars
Reflecting on the snow.

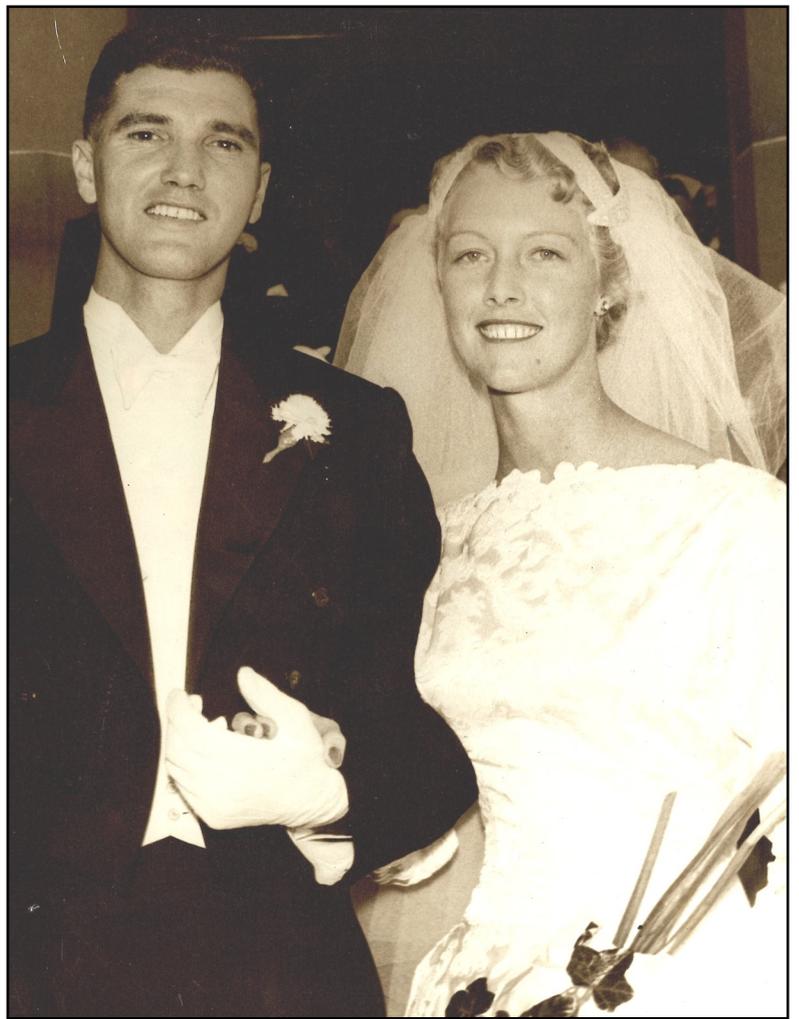
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear,
For I am spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs, that people hold so dear
But the sounds of music can't compare
With the Christmas Choir up here.
I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring
For it is beyond description, you hear the Angels sing.

I know how much you miss me,
I see the pain inside your heart,
But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.
So be happy for me dear ones, you know I hold you dear
And be glad I am spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift
From my heavenly home above
I send you each a memory of my undying love.
After all 'Love' is the gift more precious than gold
It always was most important
In stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep others,
As my father said to do,
For I can't count the blessings he has for each of you.
So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear.
Remember, I am spending Christmas
with Jesus Christ this year.





Video: Arnie playing 'When Irish Eyes are Smiling'

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Psalm 23 is read by alternate verses as marked

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

**He will make me to lie down in green pastures;
and lead me beside still waters**

He will refresh my soul:
and lead me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: For you are with me, your rod and staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me: in the presence of all my troubles
You have anointed my head with oil, and my cup overflows.

**Surely your goodness and loving kindness will follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Bible Reading: Ecclesiastes 3.1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to hurt, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time for peace.

For the Word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

The Address: Fr Thomas

The Prayers of Thanksgiving

Concluding with: ... our Saviour Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive them that 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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE RITE OF FAREWELL

Arnie's coffin is sprinkled with Baptismal water as a symbol of the eternal life she shares with Christ through her Baptism.

Please stand.

Let us now entrust the soul of Arnie to the love and mercy of God.

**Heavenly and loving Father,
by your mighty power you gave us life,
and in your love you have given us new life
in Christ Jesus.
We entrust Arnie's soul into your merciful keeping
in the faith of Jesus Christ,
who died and rose again to save us,
and now lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit in glory for ever. Amen.**



Almighty God, our heavenly father,
you have given us a sure and certain hope
of the resurrection to eternal life.
in your keeping are all who have departed in Christ.
We here commit the mortal body of Arnie
unto the refining fire:
ashes to ashes, dust to dust,
in the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life,
and in the name of Jesus Christ,
who shall change our mortal body
that it might become like his glorious body.

Rest Eternal grant to her O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon her.

May she rest in peace, and rise in glory. **Amen.**

Please remain standing, as the coffin is taken from the Church.

Recessional Music: Gentle Woman by Carey Landry and Choir





Malcolm, Stephen, Linda and their extended families thank you for your presence today and for your expressions of sympathy, love and support.

You are invited to join them for light refreshments at the Griffith Retirement Estate to continue celebrating Arnie's life.



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