



Celebrating the life of

*Denise Cannon*

*82 joyful years*

Griffith Lawn Cemetery

Wednesday 14th February 2024



# *Denise Marjorie Cannon*

Dearly loved wife of  
*The Late Dr John Cannon*

Much loved mother and mother-in-law of  
*Jennifer & Peter and Michael & Rina*

Adored Grandma of  
*Jack, Luke, Taylor and Harper*

Special friend of  
*Robert*



## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

Gathering Music: 'Praise My Soul the King of Heaven'

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Fr Thomas offers words of welcome and introduction.

### **The Sentence**

Saint Paul reminds us 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. 39-39.

### **Opening Prayer**

Let us pray.

We remember, Lord, the slenderness  
of the thread which separates Life from Death,  
and the suddenness with which it can be broken.  
Help us also to remember that on both sides of that division  
we, and those we love, are surrounded by your embrace.

Persuade our hearts that, when our loved ones die,  
neither we nor they are parted from you.

In you may we find our peace,  
and in you be united with them in the glorious body of Christ,  
who has burst the bonds of Death and is alive for evermore:  
for he is our Saviour, now and for ever. Amen.

## **THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

Tributes:

Jennifer Bosilkovski

Robert Merrylees

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**Psalm 23**, read by alternate sections, as marked.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right pathways  
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 your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; and my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Bible Reading:** John 14. 1-6, read by Rina Cannon

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

If it were not so, would I have told you  
that I go to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,  
I will come again and will take you to myself,  
so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going

.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going.

How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him,

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

**Poem:** read by Taylor and Harper Bosilkovski

So go and run free  
So go and run free with the angels  
Dance around the golden clouds  
For the Lord has chosen you to be with him  
and we should feel nothing but proud.

Although he has taken you from us  
and our pain our lifetime will last  
Your memory will never escape us  
But make us glad for the time we did have

Your face will always be hidden  
deep inside our heart  
Each precious moment you gave us  
shall never ever depart

so go and run free with the angels Grandma  
as they sing so tenderly  
and please be sure to tell them  
to take good care of you for me...

**Reflective Music:** 'The Prayer' - Anthony Callea

## THE PRAYERS of the people

Prayers of thanksgiving for Denise's life are offered.

### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **THE FAREWELL**

Let us entrust our sister Denise to the mercy of God.

Holy 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 Denise to 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.

## THE COMMITTAL

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 our dear sister Denise  
to be buried in the ground from whence we came:  
earth to earth, 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 died and was buried, and rose again for us,  
and who shall change our mortal body  
that it might become like his glorious body.

Denise's coffin is lowered to the music of  
'Someone you loved' - Lewis Capaldi

Rest Eternal grant unto her O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace, and rise in glory. Amen.

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace. Amen.

Go in peace in the name of Christ. Amen.

**Farewell Music:** 'Angels' - Robbie Williams  
'Imagine' - The Beatles  
'Let it be' - The Beatles











*Thank you*

For your expressions of sympathy, love and friendship.  
Please join us for light refreshments at  
Romeo & Giulietta's after the service.

*Jennifer & Peter, Michael & Rina and families*