

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



Gordon Charles Browne

August 23, 1941 ~ July 20, 2022

GRIFFITH LAWN CEMETERY
THURSDAY JULY 28TH 2022

“Gordon, I just want to let you know how much I learned from you about being involved in the community... your leadership in cricket in the area was simply a gift to the game... to say you were a “hands on” President is an understatement... your practical skills showed your dedication.... you played, administered and encouraged which bred enthusiasm for those who travelled the journey with you... your involvement showed many who are coming through now what it meant to “put back.” But you went wider with MCC, Riverina and Country Cricket ... we owe you big time and luckily for many of us we shared some of the journey... but it is your friendship, glint in the eye that I hold dear... I was lucky to come to Griffith and meet up with the cricketing fraternity in the 70’s... I gained a lot from you and that group.... Griffith, not just Griffith Cricket, is lucky to have you...”

Bill Ross

“Dear Gordon, It is important that you know that your contribution to Country Cricket and Riverina Cricket has been immense, and that others in the future will benefit from your commitment, passion, and love of the game. The time and effort you have contributed over many years is valued by many, not just in Griffith or the Riverina, but across regional NSW. Whether it was preparing wickets, organising carnivals, in local administration or serving on the Country Committee of Management – you have committed your life to our wonderful game, and we are the better for it. Bomber, personally I always found it a pleasure to work with you, supportive, forthright and direct in your valued opinions, and to share a laugh.”

Bruce Whitehouse – Cricket NSW

“Hi Gordon, I've just read that you're not in the best of health and wanted to send through my best wishes and regards. You've been a member for over 10 years and I thank you for your commitment and dedication to the Association. I'm also aware of your incredible contribution to cricket in the country and the legacy that you have left for others to carry on. Don Bradman once quoted "we are custodians of the game and we have a responsibility to leave it in a better state" you have certainly done this. Thank you”

Troy Penman, NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association

Gordon Charles Browne

Loving husband of

Ruth

Much loved father of

Brendan, Andrew and Adrian

father-in-law of

Dawn and Lizzie

Adored grandfather of

Ellen, Laura, Lily, Eamon and Patricia

Loved brother of

Grace (dec'd), Glenda, Rita (dec'd), Ruby,

Kathleen, Raymond (dec'd) and Trevor

Pall Bearers

Brendan Browne

Adrian Browne

Gary Gardner

Louis Toscan

Priest

Father John Frauenfelder



Welcome and Introduction by Father John Frauenfelder

Eternal God, you made the love of husband and wife a sign of the bond between Christ and the Church.

Grant peace and mercy to Gordon, united in love with his wife, Ruth.

May the care and devotion of Gordon's life on earth find a lasting reward in heaven.

Look kindly on Ruth, Brendan, Andrew, Adrian and their families as they now turn to your compassion and love.

Strengthen their faith and lighten their loss.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

On Gordon's bedside table sat his Family Bible from which I will read the Twenty Third Psalm, The Lord is my Shepherd, a favourite of Gordon's.

The Lord is my shepherd;

I have everything I need.

*He lets me rest in fields of green grass
and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water.*

He gives me new strength.

*He guides me in the right paths,
as he promised.*

Even if I go through the deepest darkness,

I will not be afraid, Lord,

for you are with me.

Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me.

You prepare a banquet for me,

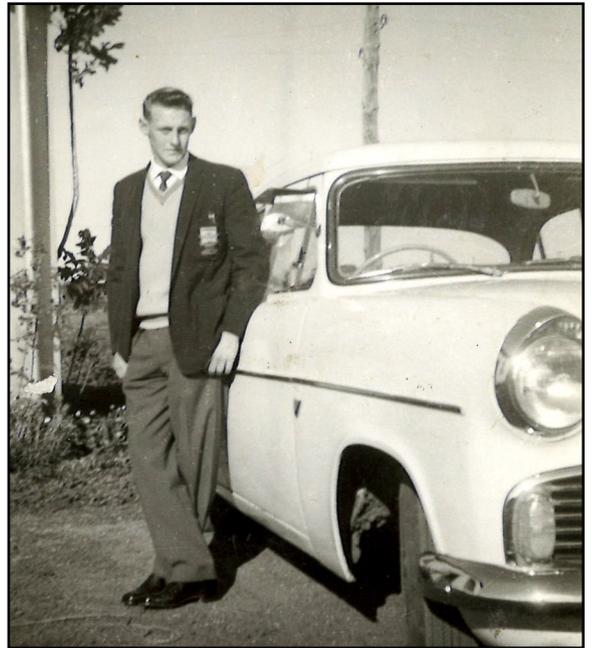
where all my enemies can see me;

you welcome me as an honoured guest

and fill my cup to the brim.

I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life;

and your house will be my home as long as I live.



Joe Cudmore will now share some words that have been selected by Gordon.

Death is nothing at all. I have slipped away into the next room.

*I am I, and you are you, whatever we were to each other, we are still.
Call me by the familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you al-
ways did.*

*Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity
or sorrow.*

*Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.*

Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.

Let it be spoken without effort, without the trace of a shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was.

There is unbroken continuity.

Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?

*I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near,
just around the corner.*

All is well.

Eulogy: Delivered by Adrian

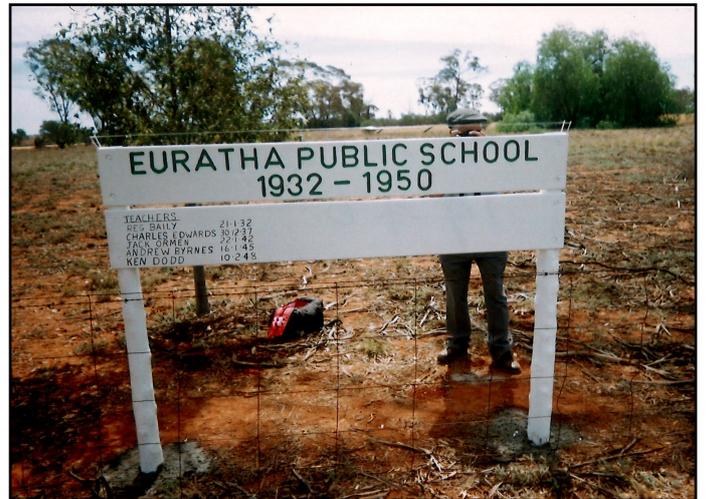
Sprinkling of Water

Gordon, you were baptized into Christ

We now sprinkle you with this holy water

as your spirit takes its final journey to eternal life

and everlasting peace.



Let us pray:

*God of endless ages,
from one generation to the next
you have been our refuge and strength,
before the mountains were born
or earth came to be,
you are God.*

*Have mercy now on your servant, Gordon,
whose life was spent in countless ways serving you and the community.*

*Give him a place in your kingdom,
where hope is firm for all who live
and rest is sure for all who serve.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Gordon's body will now be returned to the earth.

Farewell, Gordon!

May your life continue to shine on in our memories
and in the beauty and diversity of creation.





“Having already been bestowed the honour of Life Membership of Riverina, Murrumbidgee and Griffith Cricket your contribution to cricket at all levels is almost unprecedented. Cricket in our area will forever be the beneficiary of your astute advocacy and leadership as an administrator. That you are universally admired by fellow local cricket royalty is a testimony of not only your hard work but your attributes as a man. A legend and a thoroughly good person. We thank you dearly.”

Jeff McKenna on behalf of the Griffith District Cricket Association

“Hi Gordon, I just wanted to pass on my thanks and appreciation for all you did for the Riverina Cricket Zone, you were a tremendous servant to cricket over many years and helped shape our Zone today.”

Eric Koetz

“Gordon together with the Lake Cargelligo/ Griffith Rotary team - with Peter McFadyen - travelled the several hundred kilometres twice by hired bus to BlazeAid Kilmore East back in 2009 to invest hundreds of hours helping people whose lives were destroyed by the black Saturday fires near Melbourne. Gordon's kind and caring demeanour engendered a strong and enduring friendship over the years since and we got to meet and know his love in life, Ruth. Rhonda and I are so saddened for the loss of a truly beautiful man whose passion was to enrich the lives of others.”

Kevin and Rhonda Butler, BlazeAid founders

“Gordon was an active member over many years with the Murrumbidgee Cricket Council. He was a player, administrator, umpire and curator, setting the foundation for a lasting legacy that will never be forgotten.”

Murrumbidgee Cricket Council

“A wonderful friend and esteemed cricketing colleague. Well played Bomber!”

Wayne Bradley, Murrumbidgee Cricket



Our families would like to express their deep gratitude for your prayers and attendance here today.

We invite you to join us to celebrate Gordon's life in the Mirrool Room at the Griffith Ex-Servicemen's Club.



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