

Celebrating the Life of

*James Townsend Thorman*



5th March 1931

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22nd July 2021





On a boat ~  
heading for  
Stradbroke  
Island ~  

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July, 1969.  

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# Jim Thorman

**Much loved husband of**

*The Late Joan Thorman*

**Loved Stepfather of step father in law of**

*Margaret & David Gandy*

*Trisha Johnson*

**Loving pop of**

*Simon, Jackie, Emma and Sarah (dec)*

**Adored grandpop of his**

*great grandchildren and great great grandchildren*



## **Music playing**

**Introduction:** Welcome to all gathered.

**Welcome to Country:** Bradley and Jai Llyods, ( Jim's grandchildren)

**Reader:** These ancient lands were here long before history was written, held carefully in its dreaming. We acknowledge the traditional custodian of the rivers, waterholes, seas and land from which we have travelled and on which we gather today. We pay our respects to them and honour their links with all creation.

**All:** We give thanks for elders of all cultures within these lands and commit to walk with the indigenous peoples of Australia and throughout our planet in a spirit of reconciliation and justice. We pledge ourselves to walk onwards together in solidarity for a better future.

**Jim's story – early life:** Marg and Tricia

**Music:**

**Jim's story – middle years.**

**Reading:** *The Climate Cure from Tim Flannery*

**As I write , humanity stands at a fork in the road. Unless we act decisively to phase out the use of fossil fuels, global temperatures will exceed a 2 degrees rise above the pre-industrial level in a few decades, and we will risk committing every living human to climatic shocks and catastrophes that will destroy our civilisation and precipitate mass extinctions.**

**Reflection:** Let us pause and think about those words.

**Jim's story** – later life

**Reading:** *Yuval Noah Harrari's Sapiens –  
a Brief History of Humankind.*

Three important revolutions shaped the course of history; the Cognitive Revolution kicked - stated history about 70,000 years ago. The Agricultural Revolution sped it up about 12,000 years ago. The Scientific Revolution, which got under way only 500 years ago, may well end history and start something completely different.

This book tell the story of how these three revolutions have affected humans and their fellow organisms.

**Reflections:**

Time to think about these words and for reflections on Jim's life from friends and family members.

**Music:**



**Reader: Let us give thanks together for Jim's life.**

We are thankful to Myra and James, Jim's parents and for his brother Ben, and his sisters, Marie, Jean and Judy, for their partners and children.

Jim had a strong attachment to his family and they valued him.

**All:** Thank you, Jim.

Thank you Jim for the wonderful relationship you had with Joan. Your love of each other was visible to all, certainly your care of her in the last years of her life was heroic.

**All:** Thank you Jim for your love and devotion to Joan.

Thank you Jim for making your home so hospitable to Marg and Tricia's friends whatever their political or religious ideas may be.

**All:** Thank you Jim for your generosity and sense of humour.

We are aware of Jim's talents, his ability to produce a card when people were leaving the Water Resources or if there was a special occasion.

**All:** Thank you for using these occasions to use your talents for other's enjoyment.

Many people in Griffith have citizenship certificates or awards where Jim has used his calligraphy talents and enjoyed his calligraphy lessons at Western Riverina Community College.

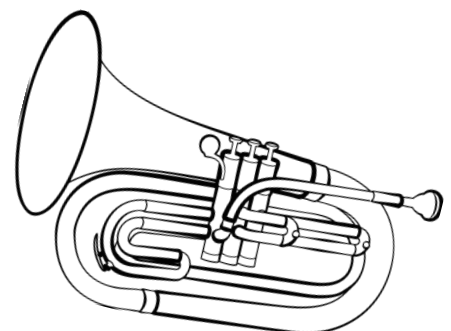
**All:** Thank you Jim for learning calligraphy and sharing it.

Music was his great love. Jazz was always top of the pops for him. His siblings and nieces and nephews called him Jazza or Uncle Jazza and joining the band was just the icing on the cake. He taught himself the trumpet and played for Kiss My Brass who played for weddings out on properties.

**All:** Thanks you Jim for your enthusiasm for music.

Your idea of spending your last days in care was not on your agenda but you did not put up a fight when it became clear that you could not stay at your beloved 19 Nyora Street. Most times you were gracious to the people who cared for you, Baptist Care and the carers at Scalabrini Village.

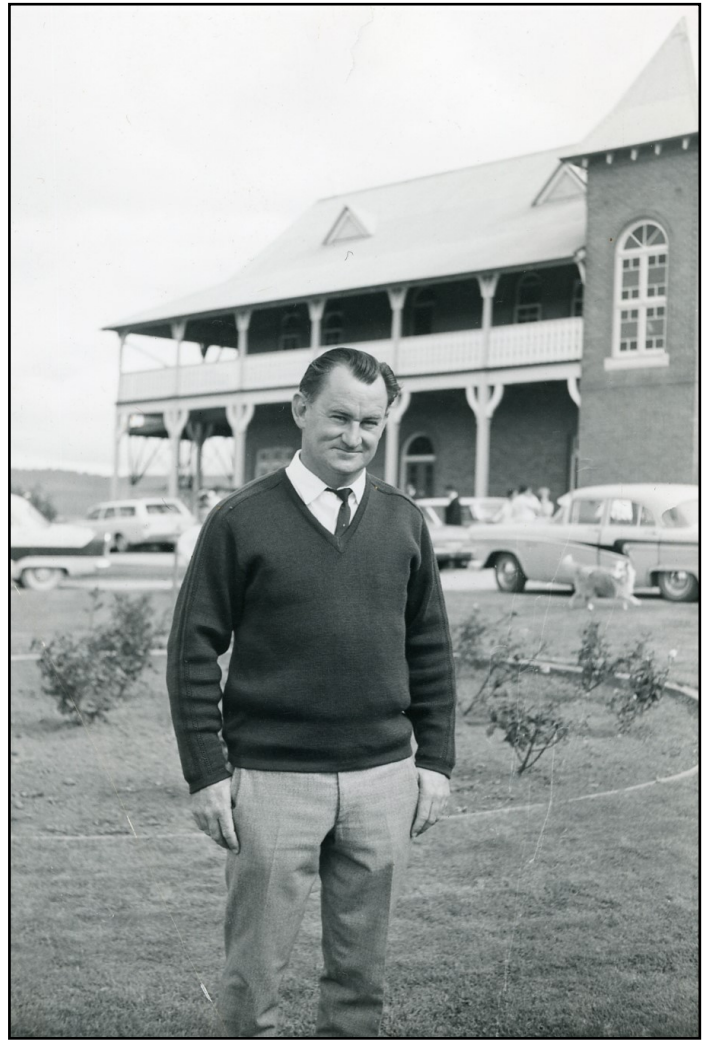
**All:** Thankyou Jim for your life, a fruitful, loving and talented shared life



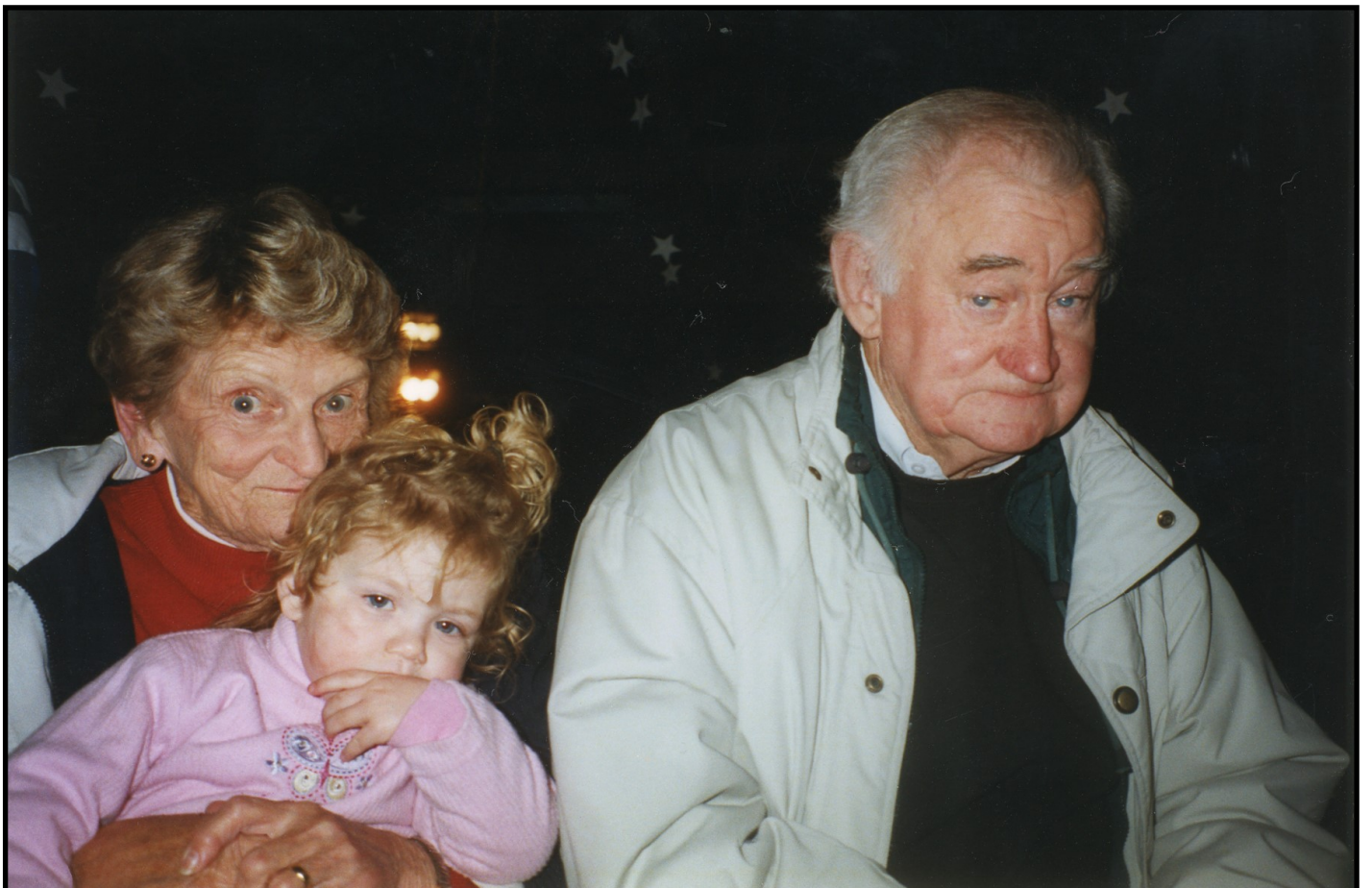




















Margaret, David and Trisha sincerely thank you for your presence here today and for your expressions of sympathy, love and support.

Special thanks to the staff of Scalabrini Village for their exceptional level of care and also to the 'band' members for their wonderful contribution to help celebrate Jim's life here today.

Please join the family for light refreshments at the

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