

Celebrating the Life of

Leslie Barber



15th June

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23rd November

2021

Griffith Lawn Cemetery

Thursday 2nd December

2021





Leslie Joseph Barber

Cherished husband of

Neva Barber

Much loved father and father in law of

Ric & Ann Maree Barber,

Anjanette & Michael Rowley

and Bryce Barber

Adored Pa of

Kyle, Elizabeth, Meghan,

Nathan, Ella,

Sarah and Cody

Papa of

Olivia, Islie,

Emma and Maisie

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We have come together
to thank God for the life of Les,
to mourn and honour him,
to lay to rest his mortal body,
and to support one another in grief.
We face the certainty of our own death and judgement.
Yet Christians believe that those who die in Christ
share eternal life with him.
Therefore in faith and hope we turn to God,
who created and sustains us all.

As we come forth naked from our mother's womb,
so shall we go again, naked as we came.
We shall take nothing for our toil,
which we may carry away:
just as we came, so shall we go.

Ecclesiastes 5.15-16

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 8.38-39

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.**

Eulogy from Neva (read by Kyle).

Tributes from Kyle, Ella, Ric and Bryce.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Psalm 23 – Read by Elaine Pringle

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

He shall make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.

I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

He shall refresh my soul:

and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

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 comfort me.

I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

You spread a table before me

in the presence of those who trouble me:

you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

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.

I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

Ecclesiastes 3.1-8 – read by Sarah Barber

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 kill, 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 tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

The Sermon – Reverend Gemma Le Mesurier

Music for reflection:

How Great Thou Art – Susan Boyle

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray with confidence to God our Father,
who raised Jesus Christ from the dead for the salvation of all.

Thanks be to God for the gift of life.

You have made us in your image,
and called us to reflect your truth and light.

We thank you for the life of Les.

We give thanks for Les' family life and friends.

For the love he shared with Neva.

For delight he took in his children,
grand-children and great-grandchildren.
For the joy he found in his half-family in England.
For the devotion he had for both his mother and his mother-in-law.

And for the friendship he shared with Bill and Elaine, Geoff and Ellen, Roy and Jenny, and with the Globe Trotters.

We give thanks for his commitment to work,
and his 35 years working at the hospital.

And for the joy that fishing brought to Les during his times of leisure.

We give you thanks for the courage Les showed in the face of adversity, especially as he underwent medical intervention for his heart.

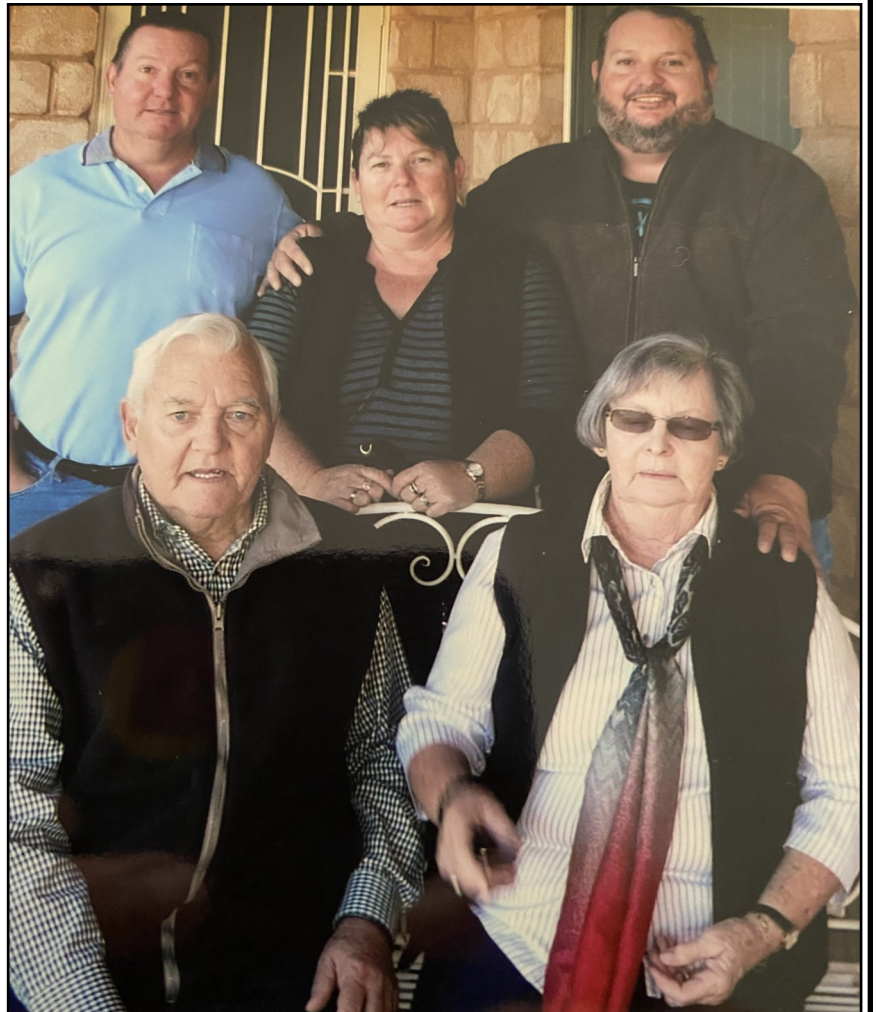
We thank you for Les' kindness, gentleness and decency.
Above all, gracious God, we thank you for your promise to all your servants, living and departed,
that we shall be made one again
in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Merciful God,

we pray for Les' family and friends,
whose sense of loss is so keen, remembering especially Neva;
Ric and Ann Maree, Anjanette and Michael, and Bryce;
Les' grandchildren: Kyle, Elizabeth, Meghan, Sarah, Cody,
Nathan and Ella;
and Les' great-grandchildren: Livvie, Islie, Emma and Maisie;
as well as Les' family in England: Stan & Margaret and family,
Ken & Norah and family, and Sheila and family.

When we cannot understand the things that happen,
and are weighed down by grief and loneliness,
uphold us in your love.

Give us the assurance of your constant care,
that we may have courage for the days ahead.
through Jesus Christ our friend. **Amen.**















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 brother Les to the mercy of God.

Silence may be kept.

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 Les 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.



Neva and family thank you for your attendance and wish to express their sincere appreciation for your love, support and friendship during this sad time.

You are invited to join them for refreshments following the service at the Griffith Ex-Servicemen's Club.



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