

*In loving memory of*



*Mark Alexander  
Alvaro*

*6th December 1960 - 3rd July 2023  
14th July 2023*

*Beloved Father, Brother and  
Nonno*



*Mark Alvaro*

BELOVED SON OF  
Donato & Dorothy Alvaro

MUCH LOVED BROTHER OF  
Phillip & Richie Alvaro

LOVED FATHER OF  
Nicole, Gregory & Reagan

CHERISHED NONNO  
Ryan, William, Theodore & Augustus

Loved and missed by his friends

*Officiant*

Griffith Regional Funeral Services - Jennifer Overs

*Speakers*

Gregory Alvaro  
Gary Delpiano  
Reagan Alvaro  
Nicole Alvaro

*Welcome*

Griffith Regional Funeral Services





# Lighting of the Candles

Four Candles for You

Author: Unknown

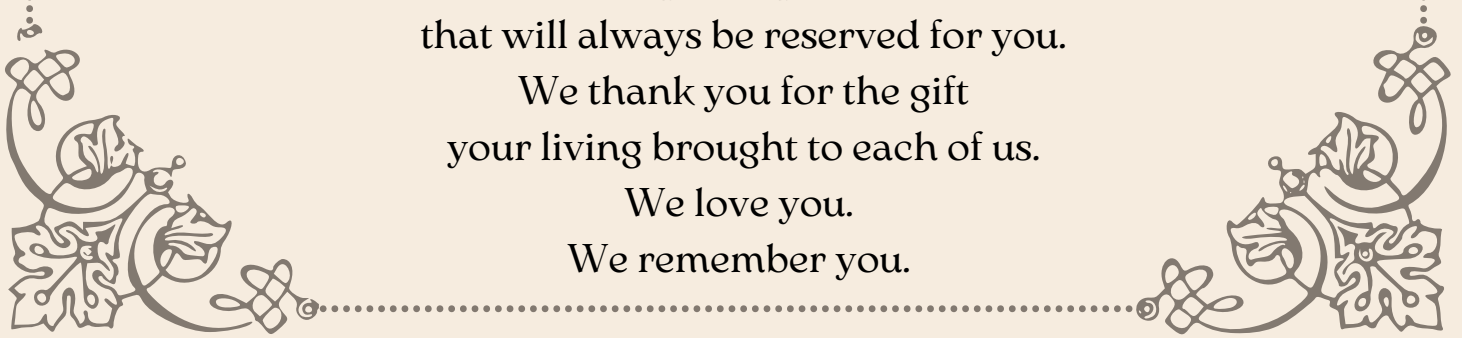
The first candle represents our grief.  
The pain of losing you is intense.  
It reminds us of the depth of our love for you.

This second candle represents our courage.  
To confront our sorrow,  
To comfort each other,  
To change our lives.

The third candle we light in your memory.  
For the times we laughed,  
The times we cried,  
The times we were angry with each other,  
The silly things you did,  
The caring and joy you gave us.

This fourth candle we light for our love.  
We light this candle that your light will always shine,  
Continuing to guide and lead us.  
Regardless of the seasons of our lives,  
Our love for you will continue.

We cherish the special place in our hearts  
that will always be reserved for you.  
We thank you for the gift  
your living brought to each of us.  
We love you.  
We remember you.





# Excerpt from a Novel

Lord of The Rings-JRR Tolkein

Read by Gregory Alvaro

Frodo: I can't do this, Sam.

Sam: I know.

It's all wrong

By rights, we shouldn't even be here.

But we are.

It's like in the great stories Mr. Frodo.

The ones that really mattered.

Full of darkness and danger they were,  
and sometimes you didn't want to know the end.

Because how could the end be happy.

How could the world go back to the way it was when so much bad  
happened.

But in the end, it's only a passing thing, this shadow.

Even darkness must pass.

A new day will come.

And when the sun shines it will shine out the clearer.

Those were the stories that stayed with you.

That meant something.

Even if you were too small to understand why.

But I think, Mr. Frodo, I do understand.

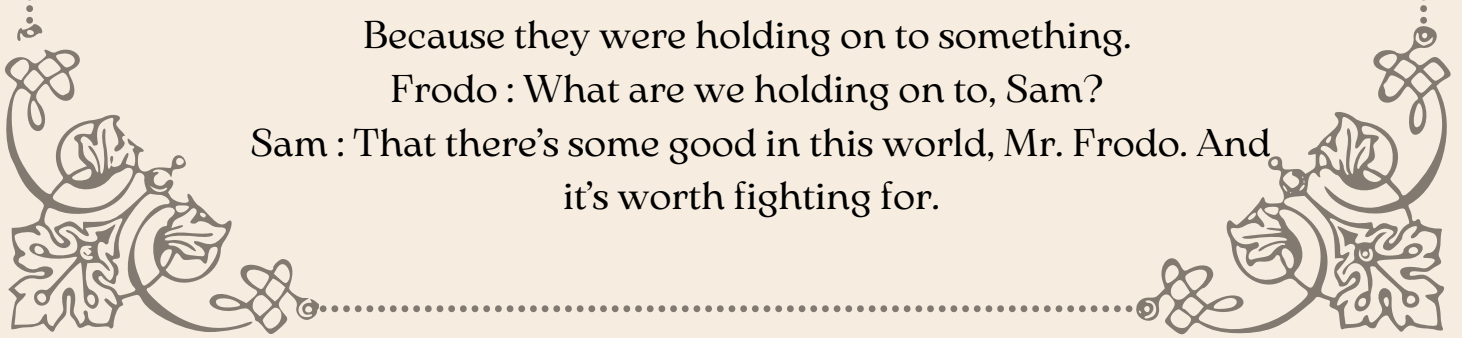
I know now.

Folk in those stories had lots of chances of turning back only they  
didn't.

Because they were holding on to something.

Frodo : What are we holding on to, Sam?

Sam : That there's some good in this world, Mr. Frodo. And  
it's worth fighting for.





*Music Piece*

The Rain Song- Led Zeppelin  
Performed by Reagan Alvaro

*Eulogy*

Read by Gary Delpiano

*Nonno's Gift*

*Nicoles Poem*

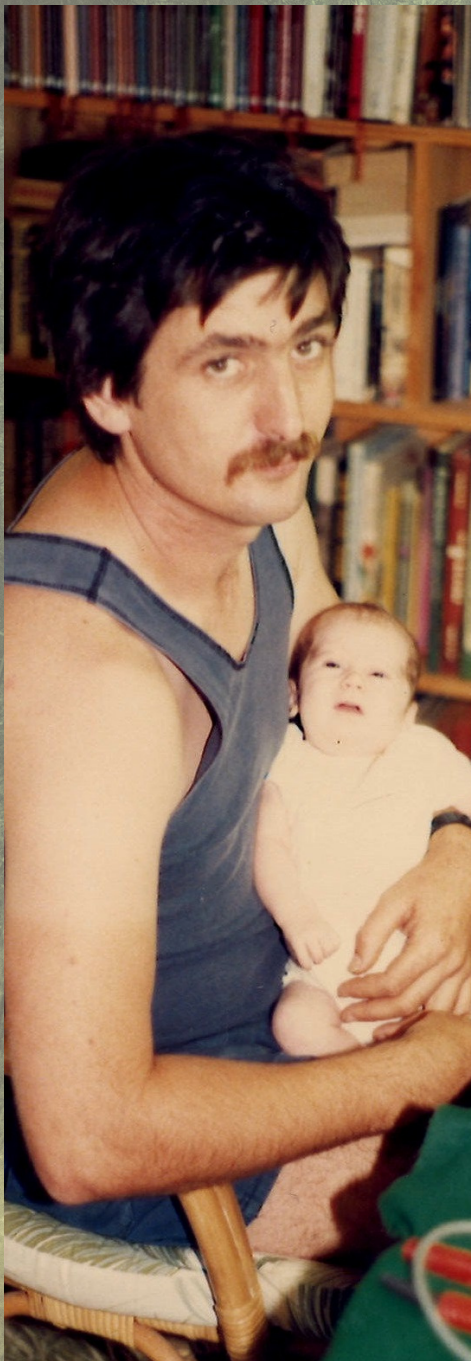
*Reflection Music*

*&*

*Photo Montage*







# *Feathers for Mark*

Mark had a great love of music, especially Led Zeppelin. Part of the legend of Led Zeppelin revolves around one of their most iconic logos - Icarus. According to ancient Greek mythology, Icarus was the son of the master craftsman Daedalus, who had crafted wings for his son out of feathers and wax to escape from Crete.

In May 1974, Led Zeppelin started their record label, Swan Song Records, featuring an artist's rendition of Icarus as its mascot. In time, the Icarus symbol became synonymous with the band Led Zeppelin.

Mark loved watching and feeding native birds around his home in Coleambally. Among his personal possessions was a collection of bird feathers.

In light of his love of Led Zeppelin, birds, and the great outdoors, we consider feathers a fitting tribute to his memorial today.





*We invite you to pay your final respects  
by placing a feather next to Mark's  
ashes.*





# Poem

Speaker: Nicole Alvaro



Gone Fishing  
by David Ritter

If someone should ask for me,  
Tell 'em heaven is where I'll be.  
I've finished all of my life's chores,  
And now I fish on heaven's shores.

The view is grand, and the fishing's great,  
But I yearn for you as I wait.  
I'll save a spot on the river's bend,  
For all those I call family and friend.

But for now, head out to sea  
And make a cast in memory,  
To all the good times that you had,  
With me – your friend, your Nonno, your Dad

And if the fish no longer bite  
Or seem no longer worth the fight,  
Because it's me that you are missin',  
Don't worry – be glad – I've just gone fishin'





## *Last Sentiment*

We leave you with one last sentimental quote from Dad's favourite novel,  
Lord of the Rings. by J.R.R Tolkien:

PIPPIN: "I didn't think it would end this way."

GANDALF: "End? No, the journey doesn't end here. Death is just another path, one that we all must take. The grey rain curtain of this world rolls back, and all turns to silver glass, and then you see it."

PIPPIN: "What? Gandalf? See what?"

GANDALF: "White shores and beyond, a far green country under a swift sunrise."

PIPPIN: "Well, that isn't so bad."

GANDALF: "No. No, it isn't."

## *Words of Thanks and Farewell*

## *Closing Music*

The Last Goodbye - The Hobbit Soundtrack  
Artist: Billy Boyd





The Alvaro Family thank you for your love, support and friendship during this difficult time. Your expressions of sympathy are of great comfort. Please join the family for light refreshments as we continue to reminisce and celebrate Mark's life.

