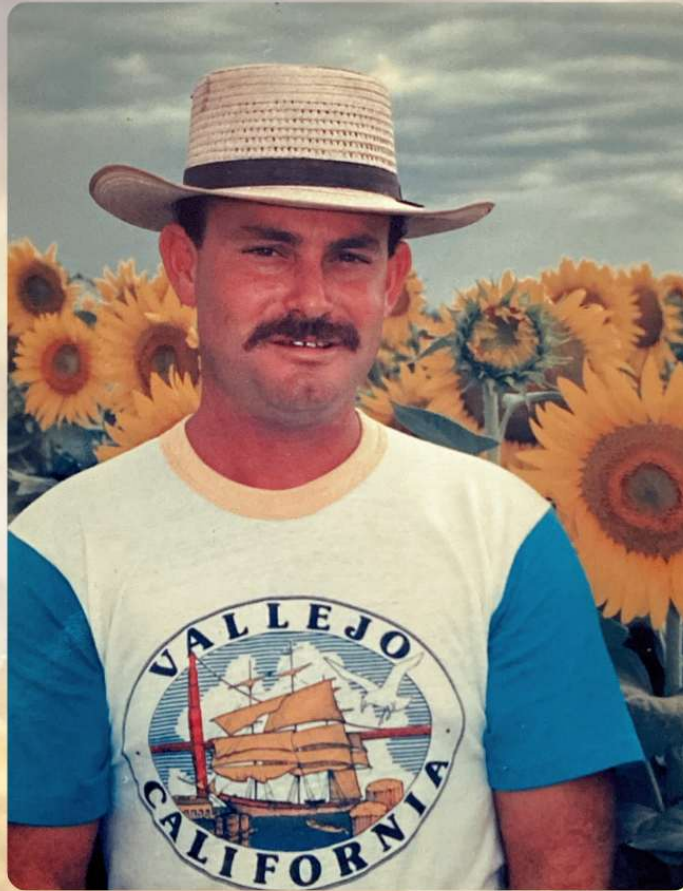


A Service Celebrating the Life of

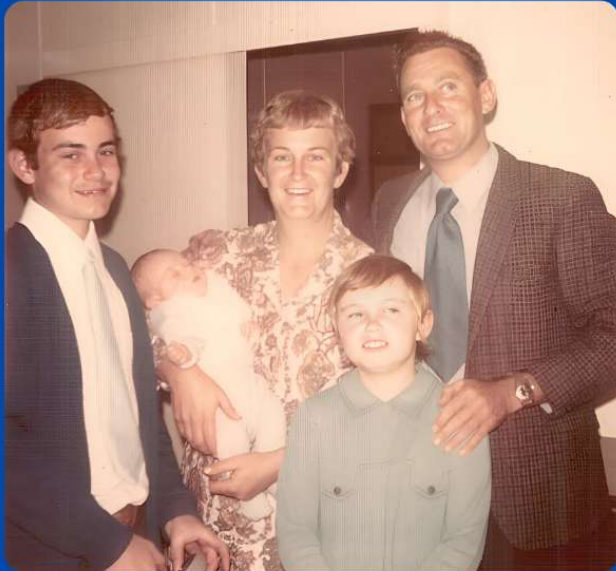


Michael Hutchison

13th January 1959 ~ 30th March 2025

**Our Lady of Good Counsel
Catholic Church, Hillston
14th April 2025 | 11:00am**

Michael Hutchison



Dearly loved husband of
Mandy

Much loved father of

*Erin
Clair
James
Blake
Jacob*

Cherished brother of

*Ann
Phillip*



Pall Bearers

*Blake Hutchison Murray Robertson
Jacob Hutchison Duck Robertson
Ben Robertson Harry Robertson
Kent Burgess Phil Burgess*

Priest

Father Adam Carroll





Opening Music

Irish Blessing by words traditional, music by Brendan Connor, performed by Andrew Chinn

May the road rise up to meet you

May the wind be always at your back

May the sun shine warm upon your face

And may the rain fall soft upon your fields

Until we meet again,

May you be held in the palm of God's hand

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Introductory Rites

Fr Adam: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Opening Prayer

Fr Adam: Let us pray. Almighty God and Father, it is our certain faith that your Son, who died on the cross, was raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Grant that through this mystery your servant Michael, who has gone to his rest in Christ, may share in the joy of His resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen



Liturgy of the Word

First Readings - Hebrews 4:12-16

Read by Kent Burgess - Cousin

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103: 1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8, 11.

Sung by Ben Stonnill - Family Friend

The Lord is kind and merciful; The Lord is kind and merciful.

The Lord is kind and merciful; The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being bless God's name.

Bless the LORD, and forget not God's benefits.

The Lord is kind and merciful; The Lord is kind and merciful.



God pardons all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows, redeems your life from destruction, and crowns you with kindness.

The Lord is kind and merciful; The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful, merciful and gracious is our God, slow to anger, abounding in kindness.

The Lord is kind and merciful; The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ. This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that all who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them to life again on the last day. Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel - John 14: 1-6

Fr Adam: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Fr Adam: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”



Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer of the Faithful

Read by Nicole Jen - Maid of Honour at Michael & Mandy’s wedding

Fr Adam: My dear friends, as we gather here today to give thanks for the life and love Michael shared with us, we present our prayers to our loving God for our needs at this time.

Dear Lord, We give thanks for the life of Michael, may he be welcomed into the peace of God's kingdom. May his sense of humour and the ways he influenced us be always treasured. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Dear Lord, For Michael’s family and friends, in this time of sadness may they be consoled by the loving kindness of God. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Dear Lord, For all of the medical staff who have cared for Michael, especially during his final weeks, may their dedication, care and compassion be richly blessed. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer



Dear Lord, For family and friends who have gone before us,
in the hope of rising again, may they meet God face to face. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Fr Adam: Lord hear the prayers we offer in our sorrow, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Eulogy

Phillip Hutchison - brother

Jack Hutchison - cousin (on behalf of his Dad John)

Erin Hutchison - daughter

Reflection - Photo Slideshow celebrating Michael's life

Music - Millionaire by Chris Stapleton, In My Life by The Beatles, Top of the World by The Carpenters

Final Commendation and Farewell

Final Farewell

Fr Adam: Saints of God, come to his aid. Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.



Fr Adam: May Christ, Who called you, take you to Himself; may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr Adam: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Prayer of Commendation

Fr Adam: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Michael in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him. We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Michael in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Procession to the Place of Committal

Fr Adam: In peace let us take our brother to his place of rest.

May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem. May choirs of angels welcome you and lead you to the bosom of Abraham; and where Lazarus is poor no longer may you find eternal rest.

Recessional Hymn

On Eagles Wings performed by Shane & Shane

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord

Who abide in His shadow for life

Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in Whom I trust"

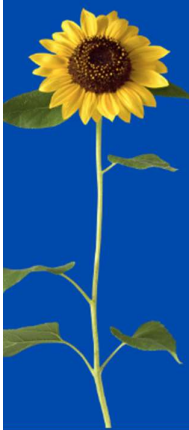


And He will raise you up on eagles wings
Bare you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm
Of His hand

The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings your refuge
His faithfulness your shield

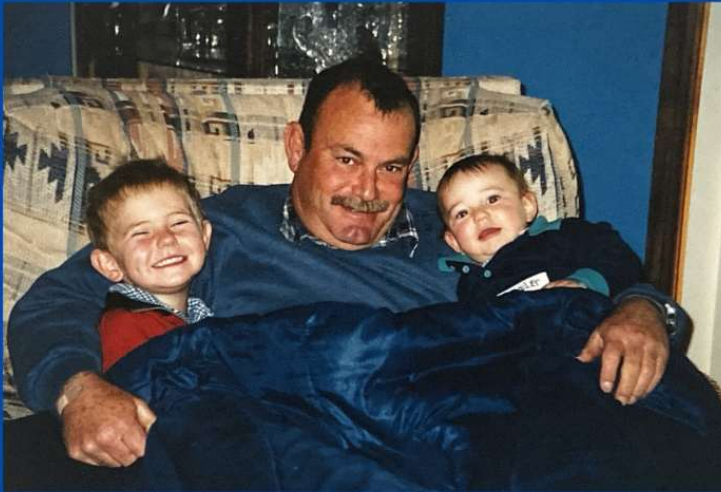
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You need not fear the terror of the night
Nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you
Near you, it shall not come

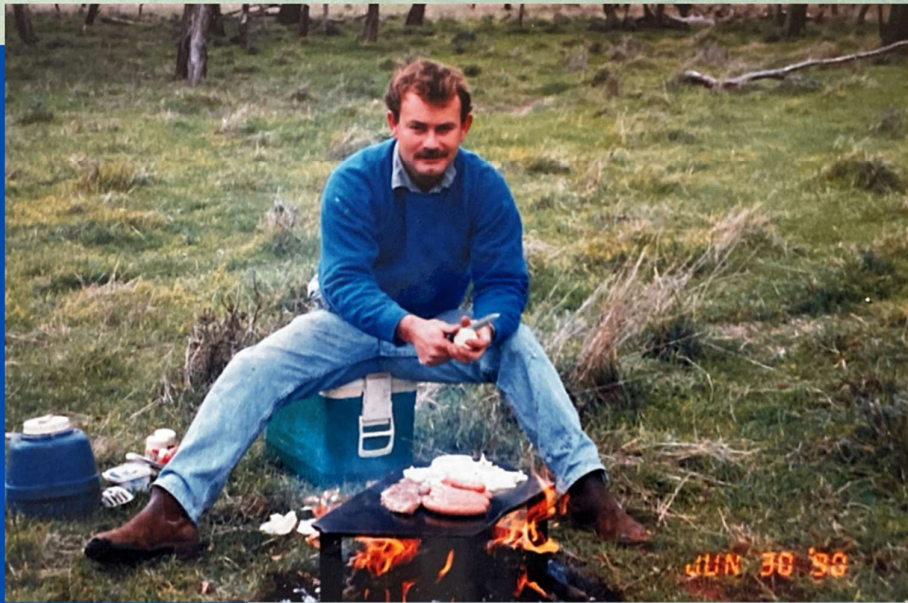


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Mandy, Erin, Clair, Blake & Jacob would like to thank all of our family and friends for their love and support during this time.

We would love for you to join us at the Hillston Ex-Servicemen's Club for refreshments after the burial to share stories and jokes as would be Michael's wishes.



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