

Celebrating the life of

*Rayma Strachan*

*1st January 1948 ~ 19th January 2021*



St Alban The Martyr Anglican

Cathedral, Griffith

*29th January 2021*



# *Rayma Margaret Strachan*

**Much loved wife of**

*Allan Strachan*

**Loved mother and mother in law of**

*Karren & Glenn Johnston*

*Russell & Kay Strachan*

*Charlie & Candiece Strachan*

*Louise Strachan & Jed Cutter*

**Loving Nanny of**

*Sarah & Tom, Emily, Claire, Tom, Brady,*

*Chelsea, Jed and Dallas.*

**Adored great grandmother of**

*Jayden*

**sister and sister in law of**

*Mervyn & Glenda Brill, Bruce (dec) & Glenda Brill,*

*Greg & Kerrie Brill, Chris Brill (dec) & Vicki Brill*

*and Delma & Phill Biggerstaff*

**Pall Bearers**

*Russell Strachan    Glenn Johnston*

*Charlie Strachan    Tom Turner*

*Louise Strachan    Brady Noonan*

Entrance music: *Heavens Garden* by Kieran Brennan

### **Welcome and Introduction**

God our Father,  
by raising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death  
and opened for us the way to eternal life.

As we remember before you our sister Rayma,  
so we ask your help for all who shall gather in her memory.  
Grant us the assurance of your presence and grace,  
by the Spirit you have given us,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Sprinkling with Holy Water**

In the waters of baptism,  
Rayma died with Christ and rose with him to new life.  
May she now share with eternal glory  
Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**My brothers and sisters** We have come together  
to thank God for the life of Rayma,  
to mourn and honour her,  
to lay to rest her 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.

‘I am the resurrection and the life,’ says the Lord.  
‘Those who believe in me, even though they die,  
yet will they live.’



**Isaiah 43:2**—*Read by Jed Strachan*

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

**John 16:22** – *Read by Jed Strachan*

<sup>22</sup> So you have pain now; but I will see you again,  
and your hearts will rejoice,  
and no one will take your joy from you.

**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**

*Read by Delma Biggerstaff*

**Poem**

A Mothers farewell to her Children

*Read by Louise Strachan*









## **A Mother's Farewell to Her Children**

*Read by Louise Strachan*

When I must leave you for a little while,  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you  
through the years,  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;

And for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do all things the same,  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,

Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you  
and hold you near;  
And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

*Helen Steiner Rice*





## Psalm 121

*Read by Emily Strachan*

*R My help comes from the Lord*

I lift my eyes to the hills:

from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord:

the maker of heaven and earth. *R*

The Lord will not allow your foot to slip:

your guardian will not sleep.

See, the one who watches over Israel:

shall neither slumber nor sleep. *R*

It is the Lord who is your keeper:

the Lord is your shelter on your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day:

neither shall the moon by night. *R*

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil:

it is the Lord who shall guard your life.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

both now and for evermore. *R*

## Reading – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

*Read by Emily Strachan*

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.



**Address - Reverend Shannon Smith**

**THE PRAYERS**

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

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**

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our sister Rayma  
by water and the Spirit.

Grant that her death may recall to us  
your victory over death,  
and be an occasion for us

to renew our trust in your Father's love.

Give us, we pray, the faith to follow  
where you have led the way,  
to live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
to the ages of ages. Amen.

Let us entrust our sister Rayma to the mercy of God.



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 Rayma 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

### **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.

Recessional Music: *Go On Without Me—Brett Eldridge*







*Allan and his extended family wish to thank you for your attendance here today. Your thoughts and prayers are much appreciated at this difficult time. Please join them for light refreshments at the Darlington Point Club following the service.*



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