

Funeral Service

In Memory of



Reta Patricia Spencer

17.03.1934 ~ 26.05.2023

St Clements Anglican Church, Barellan

"Someone who sees all that is possible in a world
of impossible things,
whilst believing she can make it better for
everyone..."



Reta Patricia Spencer

Loved wife of
Leslie Spencer (deceased)

Loved mother and mother-in-law of
*Deborah Spencer (deceased), Neville & Sharon Spencer,
Trevor Spencer, Carolyn & Robert Provera
Maryanne & Greg Smith (deceased)*

Adored grandmother of
*Ben, Daniel, Mikaela Smith
Melody & Rhiannon Spencer
James, Emma & Alex Provera
and her 6 great grandchildren*

Cherished sister and sister-in-law of
*Leslie (deceased), Eric (deceased) & Jan,
Ray & Daphne, Kevin & Chris, Colin & Rhonda Male and
Dorothy(nee Spencer) & Les Jackson (both deceased).*

Pall Bearers

*Neville Spence
Trevor Spencer
Justin Male
Bradley Male
James Provera
Alex Provera*

Priest

Archdeacon Robert Murphy

Organist

Mary Santos



Order of Service

Opening Song

Gentle Woman

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Archdeacon Robert Murphy - Rector of Leeton

Eulogy

Carolyn Provera

Remembrances from the CWA

Judy Findlay and Val Hawker

HYMN

The Lord is My Shepherd

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me to lie
in pastures green, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
2. My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.
4. My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

First Reading

Read by *Kay Dickson*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8

The time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Read by *Mikaela Smith*

*A reading from the first letter of
St Paul to the Corinthians 12:31-13:8*

If I am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealousy; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and it is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven

Hallowed by thy Name

Thy Kingdom come, thy Will be done

on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation

And deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory

Now and forever

Amen

Commendation

Hymn

Lord of the Dance

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun;
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth;

*Refrain: Dance then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he;*

2. I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John,
they came with me and the dance went on;

Refrain:

3. I danced in the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and stripped and they hung me high,
and they left me there on a cross to die;

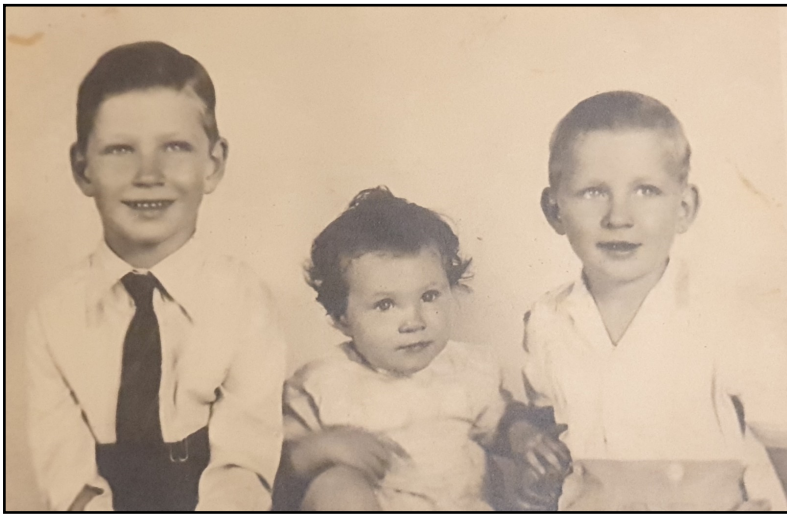
Refrain:

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
but I am the dance and I still go on;

Refrain:

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you as you live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he;

Refrain:





Reg Shore, Allan Baird, Eric Male, Leslie Spencer, Reta Spencer, Janice Gilmore, Evelyn James, Merle McDermott, June and Pam Jackson (flowergirls) 1957







*“Honor to God, Loyalty to the throne, Service to the country,
Through country women, For country women, By country women”*



We are so grateful for your attendance here today.
Your prayers and expressions of sympathy,
support and friendship bring us great comfort.

Please join us for light refreshments at the
Barellan War Memorial club to continue
celebrating Reta, a life that touched so many.

*Neville, Trevor, Carolyn, Maryanne
and extended families.*

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