

A FUNERAL SERVICE TO CELEBRATE
THE LIFE OF

Stan Smith



1ST SEPTEMBER 1942 ~ 22ND OCTOBER 2022

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST ALBAN THE MARTYR,
GRIFFITH

Monday 31st October 2022



Thomas Stanley Smith

Dearl loved husband of

Lynette

Much loved father and father-in-law of

Ryan & Karen

Rochelle & Kiwa

Cherished Pa of

Josh and Chloe

Loved brother and brother-in-law of

Garry & Denise and Errol & Jan

Pall Bearers

Ryan Smith

Errol Smith

Kevin Bradley

Allan Reynolds

Wray Macey

John Harris

Officiating

The Very Rev'd Thomas Leslie

Dean of St Alban's and Rector of Griffith

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Music: 'My Heart Will Go On' (Theme from Titanic) - Celene Dion

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Fr Thomas offers opening words of welcome.

St Paul says, '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 8.38-9.

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.

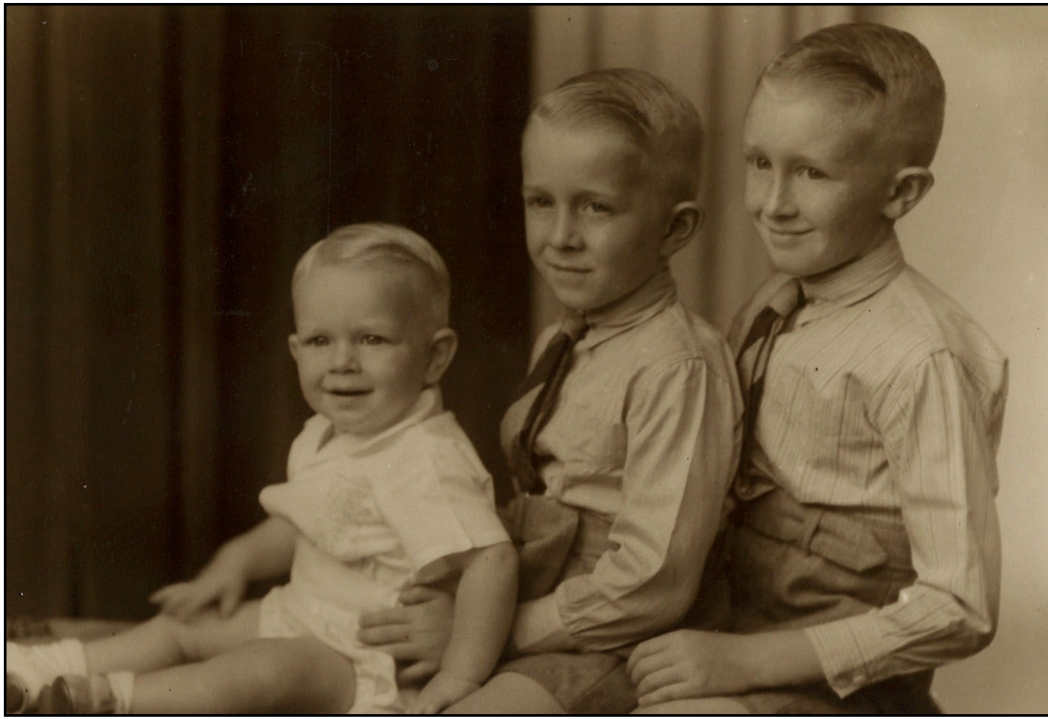
**Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The Eulogy: Ryan Smith

Tributes: Errol Smith on behalf of Errol and Garry

Celebrating Life: A slideshow of images from Stan's life.



Poem: 'Miss Me, but Let me Go' - read by Rochelle

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Psalm 23 is read by alternate verses, as marked.

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

**He will make me to lie down in green pastures;
and lead me beside still waters**

He will refresh my soul:
and lead me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: For you are with me,
your rod and staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me:
in the presence of all my troubles
You have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup overflows.

**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.**



Miss Me – But Let Me Go

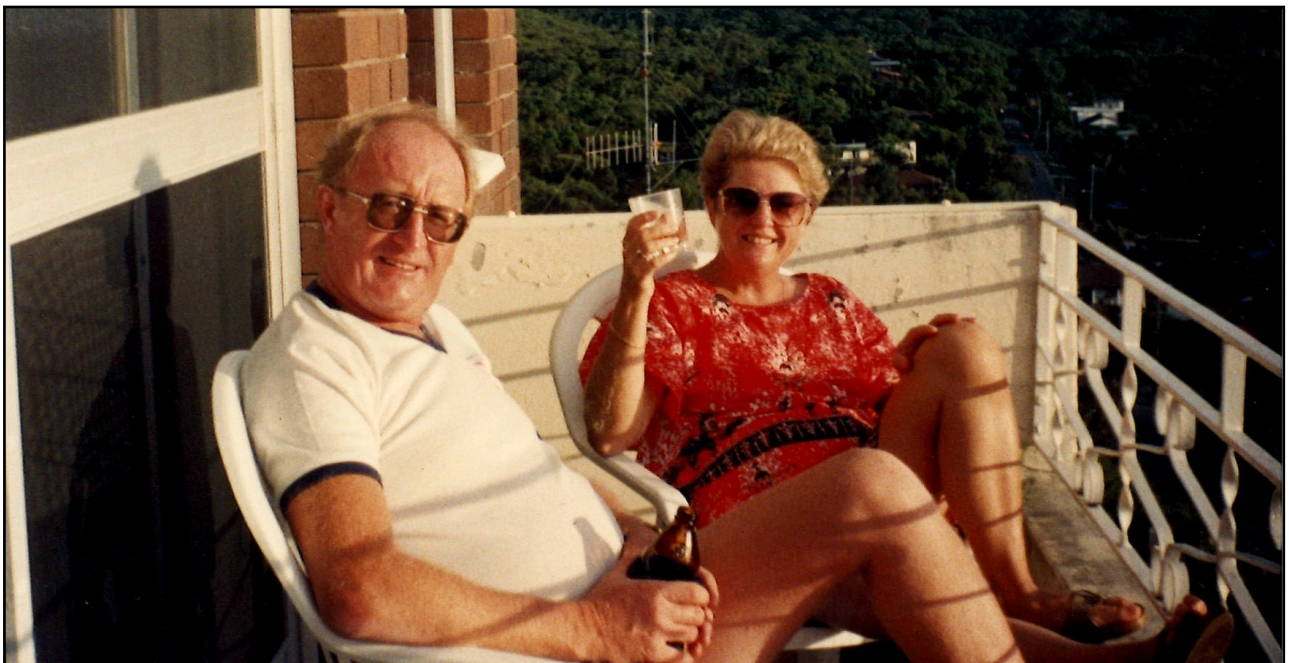
When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not too long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone
It's all a part of a greater plan,
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
Miss me, but let me go.

Christina Rosetti



Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.51-55

‘Listen, I will tell you a mystery. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this imperfect body must put on perfection, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this imperfect body puts on perfection, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O Death, is your victory? Where, O Death, is your sting?’

For the Word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

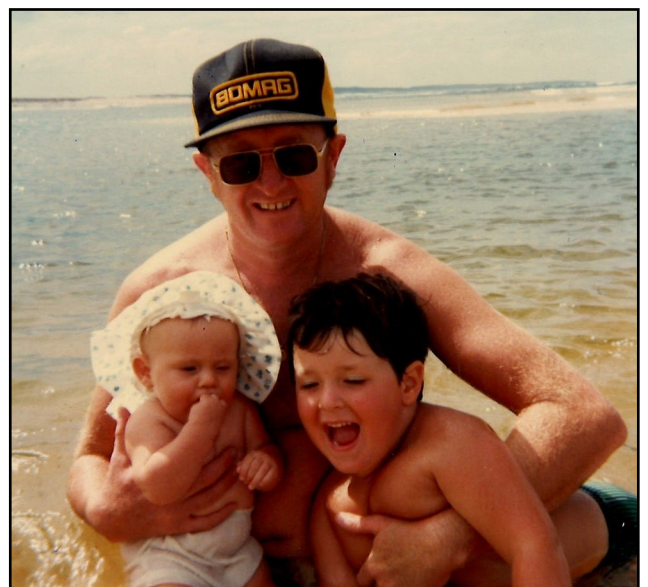
The Address and Prayers of Thanksgiving: Fr Thomas

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE RITE OF FAREWELL

Poem: ‘Love, and Go On’





Love, and Go On

You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all he's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,
Or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember him and only that he's gone,
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back,
Or you can do what he'd want:

Smile, open your eyes,
love, and go on.

David Harkins

Let us now entrust the soul of Stan to the love and mercy of God.

**Heavenly 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 Stan's soul into 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.**

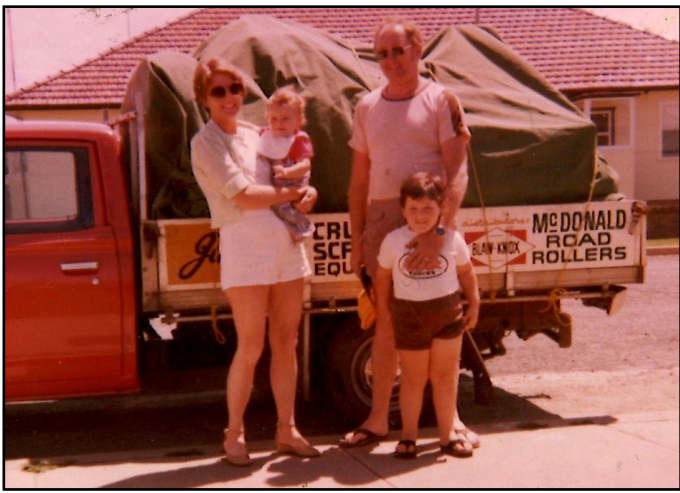
Please stand. Stan's coffin is sprinkled with holy water as a symbol of the eternal life he now shares with Christ through the sacrament of Baptism.

Almighty God, our heavenly father,
you have given us a sure and certain hope
of the resurrection to eternal life.
in your keeping are all who have departed in Christ.
We here commit the mortal body of Stan unto the refining fire:
ashes to ashes, dust to dust,
in the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life,
and in the name of Jesus Christ,
who shall change our mortal body
that it might become like his glorious body.

Rest Eternal grant to him, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon him.
May he rest in peace, and rise in glory. **Amen.**

Please remain standing, as the coffin is taken from the Church.

Recessional Music: 'Immortality' - Celene Dion





Thank you for your attendance here today and for your expressions of sympathy, love and friendship during this difficult time.

Please join us for light refreshments at the Southside Leagues Club after the service.

Lynette, Ryan, Karen, Rochelle, Kiwa and families.



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