

A Service of Thanksgiving

Celebrating the Life of

Wendy Lorraine Anderson

22nd March 1952 - 13th October 2023



Griffith Regional Theatre
Friday, 27th October 2023
1.00pm
Deacon Leonie White

'She had a love of all people and she judged no one.'







In Loving Memory of

Wendy Lorraine Anderson

Devoted and Loving Wife of:Max

Cherished Mother and Mother-in-Law of:

Brett & Tammy, Melissa & Matt, Dane & Sarah, Trent & Candy and Shelley & Peter

Adored Nan of:

Brooke, Katie & Cade, Grace, Lucy, Annabel & Charlotte, Jack, Luke, Macey & Lexi, Lochie, Allie & Imogen, Cooper, Sam & Will

Loved Daughter & Daughter-in-Law of:

Norma & Bob (dec) Howard Dorothy (dec) & Jimmy (dec) Anderson

Caring Sister & Sister-in-Law of:

Jenny & Jim Caughey, Ross & Lorraine Howard, Leanne & Brian Imrie Helen & Ian Aston, Carmel & Barry (dec) Gange, Greg & Lisa Anderson

Special Aunty to nieces and nephews Precious friend to many.

Pall Bearers:

Brett Anderson Dane Anderson Trent Anderson Matt Hannaford Peter Hunt Ross Howard

Eulogy:

Melissa Hannaford Rankins Springs Community - Sue Luelf Eunonareenya Community - Cathie O'Kane Trendy Wendy - Arron Hutcheon

Readings:

Katie Anderson Marilyn O'Sullivan

Psalm:

Carmel Gange

Officiant:

Deacon Leonie White

Order of Service

Placement of Symbols

Each of Wendy's grandchildren will place a symbol to represent their special relationship with their Nan.

Brooke - Beaters

As a symbol of the cherished moments we spent in the kitchen together. Nan and I shared our love of cooking since I was a little girl. She taught me everything I know. Nan's kitchen was a place for all the grandchildren to enjoy her sweet treats and something we will always remember about her.

Katie – Sheaf of wheat

As a symbol of Nan's life spent on Yarran Vale. I was very lucky to have spent so many years on the farm with Nan and received her sweet filled lunch boxes during harvest. She would always be sure to come for a ride in the chaser bin or header to watch her crops get stripped.

Cade - Red dirt from Yarran Vale

As a symbol of our life together on the farm. I have fond memories of building cubby houses with Nan and my cousins in the pine trees at Yarran Vale. We had so much fun together.

Grace - A letter to Nan

When I went to boarding school, Nan would send me handwritten letters and they were the highlight of my week. She would fill me in on everything happening at home. I always looked forward to receiving them. I will miss those letters, but I will especially miss my Nan.

Lucy – Nan's perfume (Red Door)

Nan always wore a perfume that could be smelt a mile away. I thought it was a beautiful scent and you could always tell when Nan had been in a room. Whenever she was getting ready to go somewhere, Nan would spray me with the perfume. I loved this as I got to smell as pretty as her. Nan was such a big part of my life. I love her so much and this scent reminds me of her.



Annabel - Beanie Boo (Ida)

When I was younger, I loved Beanie Boos. Nan used to give me one every birthday and Christmas. Ida was the first Beanie Boo Nan ever gave me and she holds so many special memories of Nanny because wherever I went with Nan, Ida would come with me. I love and miss you Nan xoxo

Charlotte - Souvenir Rocks

I always loved looking at all of Nan's souvenirs from her travels. My favourite was a group of small rocks. Whenever I went to her house, I would play with the rocks and carry them around. Before Nan got sick she always joked that one day I would inherit the rocks. I didn't want them to be mine this soon, so I am going to leave the rocks with Nan. I love you Nan.





Jack - Playing Cards

Playing cards with Nan was special quality time with her.

Luke - Tennis ball

Nan and I loved playing tennis but it wasn't just a game for us; it was a time to connect, laugh and create memories. My Nan, a woman of grace and resilience, a woman that lived an amazing life. Rest in Peace Nan x

Macey - Bingo

I loved playing board games with Nan, especially her \$2 Bingo. She always yelled 'BINGO' then gave us lots of cuddles and kisses when she beat us. Nan liked to win.

Lexi – Puzzle

Nan and I loved doing puzzles. Whenever we had time she would say, 'Let's do a puzzle Lex.' I loved this time with her. She always let me put the last piece in.



Lochie – Lamb loin chops

Nan and I LOVED our loinys and we would always share stories and compare notes about our last taste test. I enjoyed that so much.

Allie – Jewellery (Locket necklace)

I remember sitting on Nan's lap and playing with all her beautiful rings and necklaces she wore. She would let me wear them and tell me stories about them.

Imogen – Huggies (Hugs – picture drawn by Squishy Eqq and memorial plush)

I love Nan's hugs and I loved giving her hugs. Hers were special because they came with lots of kisses too and lasted forever.



Cooper – A footy

Nan would always kick the football with me. I reckon if there was an AFL team for old people she would have been selected in it because she was a pretty good kick and could take a good mark.

Sam – 'Slinki Malinki' book

Nan was the best at reading stories. She would read to me all of the time, even during the day and at bedtime. We had a favourite book and I reckon she would have read it to me over 100 times. It was called 'Slinki Malinki.'

Will - A baby horse

I am the last of the grandchildren. Nan always called me her baby. I remember clambering up on her leg so she could do her famous 'ride a cock horse'. When I got bigger she had to stop doing 'ride a cock horse because I was too heavy and it hurt her knee



Hymn:

Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in the dark and sin,
My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make the darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them, Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, If you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, Fill their hearts with love alone. I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send? Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, If you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, If You lead me,
I will hold Your people in my heart.

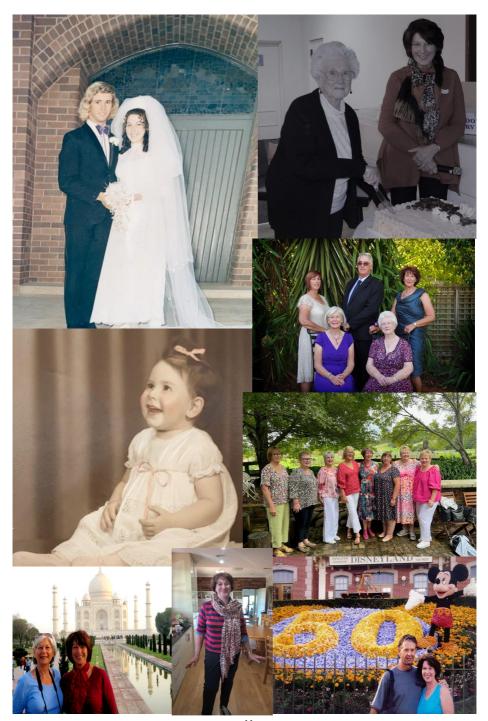
Welcome and Opening Prayer
Deacon Leonie White

Comforting Words from Scripture

Deacon Leonie White

Reflections of Wendy's life

Eulogy – Melissa Hannaford Rankins Springs Community – Sue Luelf Eunanoreenya Community – Cathie O'Kane Trendy Wendy – Arron Hutcheon



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Verse

'As We Look Back' by Author Unknown

Read by Katie Anderson

Reading

God looked around his garden' by Melissa Shreve

Read by Marilyn O'Sullivan

Bible Reading - Psalm 23

Read by Carmel Gange

Prayers of the Faithful

Brooke: 'We thank you Jesus that Nan is now in peace. May we always follow in her footsteps.'

Let us pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cade: We pray for our family and friends who have been touched by the life of Nan. She will be forever missed by all who have known and loved her.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Grace: Lord, we thank you for giving us such an amazing Nan, who has taught us all about kindness and compassion. May we be inspired by all of the wonderful things she has taught us.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lucy: We thank you Lord for all of the special times and memories that we shared with Nan. We pray that you will look after her. We ask that you please watch over our family and those she has left behind and that you will help us through this sad time.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Jack: Lord, we thank you for the privilege of living our lives with our wonderful Nan. We pray that she is in eternal peace and happiness.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

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Luke: Please accept Nan into your love and keeping Lord. May we all continue to remember the love and values she showed us.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lochie: Lord, we thank you that Nan got to be OUR Nan. We feel so lucky that she was ours because she has been the most amazing role model who showed us how to treat people with kindness, respect and how to put others first.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

(All together)

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name,
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

For thine is the Kingdom , the power and the glory,

For ever and ever, AMEN

Prayers

Deacon Leonie White







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Hymn

10000 Reasons

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my Soul, Worship his holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies
before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my Soul, Worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger, Your name is great and your heart is kind; For all your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my Soul, Worship his holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near and my time has come:

Still my soul will sing your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my Soul, Worship his holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.

Final Blessing

Please join us at the Griffith Cemetery for the interment.







Max, Brett, Melissa, Dane, Trent, Shelley and their families thank you for your love, support, friendship and presence here today.

 $Your\ expressions\ of\ sympathy\ are\ of\ great\ comfort\ to\ the\ family.$

Please join the family at the Exies Sporties for refreshments and sharing of memories following the committal service at Griffith Lawn Cemetery.

'Your presence is missed, your memories we treasure, loving you always, forgetting you never.'