

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

Esma Ruby McRae

14TH JULY 1931 - 26TH DECEMBER 2022



ARMIDALE DISTRICT BAPTIST CHURCH
11AM FRIDAY, 13TH JANUARY 2023

INTRODUCTION

Rev. Andrew Coburn

PRAYER

BIBLE READING | Psalm 23

Read by Helen Jones (Esma's Sister)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.
He guides me in 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 your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

A TREASURED LIFE |

Early Years & First Marriage with Children Grahame & Darryl Williams

Cindy McRae (Esma's daughter)



ESMA'S LIFE IN PICTURES PART ONE |
"Go Rest High on That Mountain" Vince Gill

I know your life
On earth was troubled
And only you could know the pain
You weren't afraid to face the devil
You were no stranger to the rain
Go rest high on that mountain
Mum your work on earth is done
Go to heaven a-shoutin'
Love for the Father and the Son
Oh, how we cried the day you left us
We gathered 'round your grave to grieve
Wish I could see the angels faces
When they hear your sweet voice sing
Go rest high on that mountain
Mum your work on earth is done
Go to heaven a-shoutin'
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Source: LyricFind
Songwriters: Vincent Grant Gill
Go Rest High on That Mountain lyrics
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A TREASURED LIFE |
Middle Years & Second Marriage with Children Cynthia & Lindsay McRae
Cindy McRae (Esma's daughter)

ESMA'S LIFE IN PICTURES PART TWO |
"Delta Dawn" Tanya Tucker

Delta Dawn, what's that flower you have on
Could it be a faded rose from days gone by?
And did I hear you say he was a-meeting you here today
To take you to his mansion in the sky?

She's 41 and her daddy still calls her "baby"
All the folks 'round Jeogla say she's crazy
'Cause she walks down town with a suitcase in her hand
Looking for a mysterious dark-haired man

In her younger days, they called her Delta Dawn
Prettiest woman you ever laid eyes on
Then a man of low degree stood by her side
And he promised her he'd take her for his bride

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Source: Musixmatch
Songwriters: Alex Harvey / Larry Collins
Delta Dawn lyrics
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A TREASURED LIFE |
Later Years with Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren & Community Life
Cindy McRae (Esma's daughter)

ESMA'S LIFE IN PICTURES PART THREE|
"Leave A Little Room for God" Neil Diamond

Leave a little room for God
As you're goin' through the day
Leave a little room for God
You know he won't get in your way

Save a little place inside
Somewhere you can call your own
Then leave a little room for God
And you won't ever be alone

Every day is so mysterious
You wonder how things came to be
And when you start to get real curious
Well, He's the man you'll want to see

So leave a little room for God
Just in case you need a friend
Everyone's got rainy days
It isn't so much if, but when

Life is like a gift we're given
Every single day is new
We're thankful for the time we're livin'
But thankful exactly to who?

C'mon now,
Put your money in the bank
And drive around in a big old car
Just leave a little room for God
Or it won't take you very far.

Yeah, leave a little room for God
As you're goin' down the road
He'll not only point the way
He's gonna help you with the load

Yeah, leave a little room for God
And thank your lucky stars above
That He'll be leaving room for you

He's always got some room for love
Leave a little room for God, my friend
And He'll have room for you
Just need to leave a little room for him too

Source: LyricFind
Songwriters: Neil Diamond
Leave A Little Room For God lyrics
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PRAYER

Rev. Andrew Coburn

MESSAGE | A Bigger Life Picture (Psalm 23)

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Andrew Coburn



RECESSIONAL MUSIC |
“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)” BYU Noteworthy

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

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My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Source: Musixmatch
Songwriters: Giglio Louie

COMMITTAL SERVICE

The Committal Service will be at 3:30pm at the Biston Park Cemetery,
12921 Kempsey Rd, Jeogla
All are welcome to attend

A MOTHER'S LOVE

Thank you for watching over me
All of the sleepless nights you lay awake
Thank you for knowing when to hold me close
When to let me go

Thank you for every stepping stone
And for the path that always leads me home
I thank you for the time you took
To see the heart inside of me

Thank you for every sunlit day
That filled the corners of my memory
Thank you for every selfless unsung deed
I know you did for me

Thank you for giving me the choice
To search for my soul till
I could find my voice
And I thank you for teaching me
To be strong enough to bend

You gave me the roots to start this life
And then you gave me wings to fly
And I learned to dream
Because you believed in me

There's no power like it on this earth
No treasure equal to its worth
The gift of a Mother's love
I thank God for a Mother's love.

- Jim Brickman

Esma's family thank you for being part of Esma's life and appreciate the time taken, and distances you have travelled, to celebrate her life today. The Committal Service will be at Biston Park Cemetery, 12921 Kempsey Rd, Jeogla at 3.30pm followed by afternoon tea & barbecue at 27 Williams Rd, Jeogla. All are welcome.

Following the 11am service there will be a light lunch served in the church hall. All are welcome.

