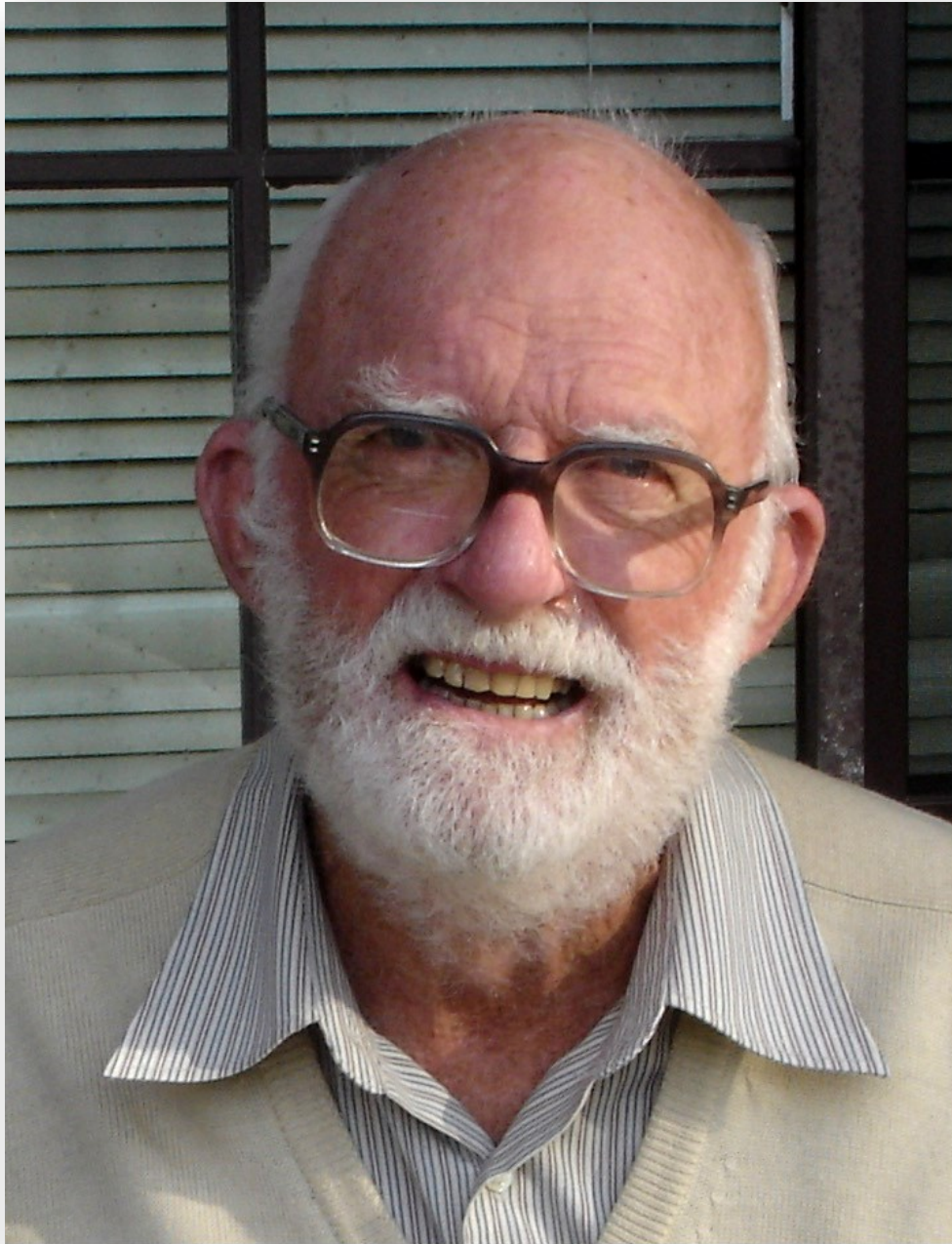


Thomas Shortis

18th June 1928 - 1st September 2021



“Tom”

Funeral Mass celebrated on Monday, 13 September 2021

St Joseph's Catholic Church Uralla

Celebrants: Fr John McHugh and Msgr Wilkes

ENTRANCE HYMN
On Eagle's Wings

GREETINGS

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.
Priest: The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, love of God,
and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All: And with your spirit.

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF MACCABEES (12:43-46)

Read by Dominic Shortis

The noble Judas Maccabeus took up a collection, man by man,
to the amount of two thousand drachmas of silver,
and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering.
In doing this he acted very well and honourably,
taking account of the resurrection.
For if he were not expecting
that those who had fallen asleep would rise again,
it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead.
But if he was looking to the splendid reward
that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness,
it was a holy and pious thought.
Therefore he made atonement for the dead,
so that they might be delivered from their sin.

The Word of the Lord. Response: Thanks be to God



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. **R**

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. **R**

As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. **R**

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. **R**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION (14:13)

Read by Stephen Shortis

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say to me, "Write it down: Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest for ever after their work, since their good deeds go with them."

The Word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
That I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me,
And that I should raise it up on the last day
Alleluia

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (JN 14:1-6)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.

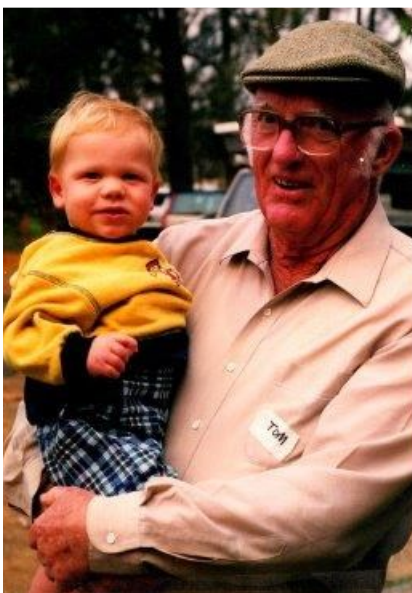
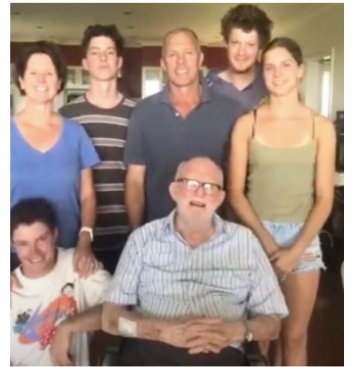
I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You
know the way to the place where I am going.'

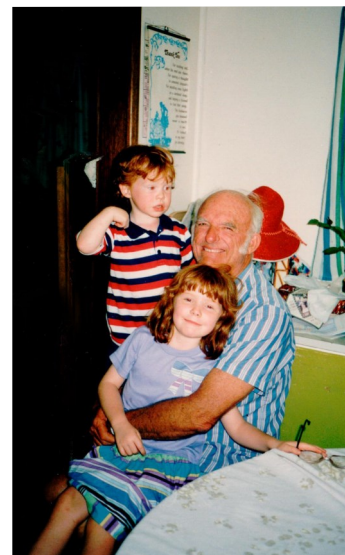
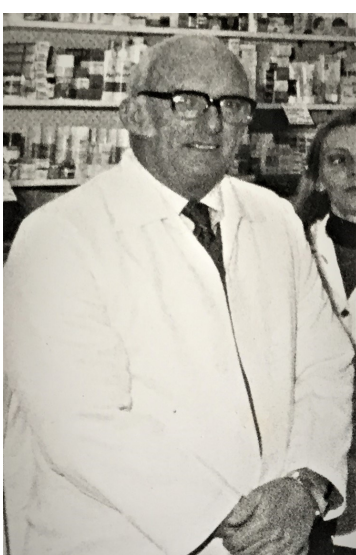
Thomas said, '

Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the
way?' Jesus said;

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father
except through me.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All:** Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ





HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Read by Anne Shortis and Catherine Gallaher

Priest: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save his people, those who are alive and those who have died:

We thank you Lord for blessing us with Tom's life. He enriched our lives and those of everyone around him. He will be dearly missed. Grant him eternal rest.

We pray to the Lord. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Tom's children and grandchildren, that they remember the values he lived, honesty, integrity, compassion and hard work.

We pray to the Lord. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for deceased family and friends, particularly Kathleen and Sebastian. May they find peace and happiness in their everlasting home in the presence of God.

We pray to the Lord. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Tom and Kathleen's children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and their partners. May they continue to uphold the strong values of family unity that Tom and Kath held so dear.

We pray to the Lord. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have cared for Tom over the recent years – in particular the staff at Alkira and family members. Your compassion, kindness and respect, will be forever appreciated.

We pray to the Lord. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer:



Priest: God our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Give your love and forgiveness to all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

COMMUNION HYMN

Strong and Constant

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Read by Michael Shortis and Anne Shortis

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

RECESSIONAL SONG

An Irish Blessing

PALL BEARERS

Michael Shortis
Stephen Shortis
Bernard Shortis

Catherine Gallaher
Anne Shortis
Dominic Shortis





SUCCESS

He has achieved success who has lived well,
laughed often and loved much.
Who has gained the respect of intelligent men
and the love of little children.
Who has filled his niche and accomplished his task.
Who has left the world better than he found it
Who has looked for
the best in others
And given the best he had
Whose life was an inspiration.
Whose memory is a benediction.

Robert Louis 1850 - 1894

*The family would like to thank you for your presence here today, for your
kind thoughts, prayers and for your expressions of sympathy and support.*



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