

Liturgy of Christian Burial

# *Tracie Maree Armatage*

8th September 1967 - 13th September 2021



St Joseph's Catholic Church Uralla  
10.30am, Friday 17th September 2021

## ENTRANCE HYMN “Be Not Afraid”

You shall cross the barren desert but you shall not die of thirst  
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand  
You shall see the face of God and live

*Be not afraid, I go before you always  
Come follow me, and I will give you rest*

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown  
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed  
If you stand before the pow’r of hell and death is at your side  
Know that I am with you through it all

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs  
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh  
And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me  
Blessed, blessed are you

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## SPRINKLING OF THE COFFIN

### PLACING OF THE PALL, PHOTOGRAPH, SERVICE MEDALS, NEEDLEWORK, & PLANTS

Today we gather to celebrate the life of Tracie Maree Armatage, we will start by placing symbols of her life on her coffin.

1. We place the Pall over the coffin - This is a reminder that in baptism Tracie became part of God's family and in death she will share eternity with God.
2. A family photo - the family was the centre of Tracie's life and her greatest joy was to be with them.
3. Tracie's Grandfathers war medals - Pop Fuller gave Tracie these medals for her to wear on Anzac Day. She marched in Uralla every Anzac Day wearing these medals. She wore them with pride and has handed this honour to her nephew, Jake, who places them on the coffin today for her.
4. Needlework - Tracie was talented and loved her needlework which she shared with her family and friends. These needleworks will be treasured forever.
5. Tulips and Camellias from Tracie's garden. Tracie had many skills and gardening was one of her passions. These blooms from Tracie's garden are a symbol of the love and pride she took cultivating and nurturing her garden for everyone to enjoy.

## OPENING PRAYER

### A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF ST PAUL TO TIMOTHY (2 TIM 4:6-8)

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his appearing.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM "Psalm 23"

**Response:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

The Lord is my shepherd  
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R:**

He guides me along the right path,  
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R:**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R:**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R:**



## 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 MATTHEW (MT 11:25-30)

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

## HOMILY

### HYMN "Hail Mary: Gentle Woman"

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women, and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death.  
Amen

Refrain

Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright,  
Gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom, teach us love.

You were chosen by the father; you were chosen for the Son.  
You were chosen from all women and for woman, shining one.

Refrain

Blessed are you among women, Blest in turn all women, too.  
Blessed they with peaceful spirits, Blessed they with gentle hearts.

Refrain

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Priest:** My dear friends in Christ, let us pray to our merciful Father and ask his help in our time of sorrow:

For Tracie, a child of God and heir to the kingdom, that she may be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity.

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

The family and friends of Tracie seek comfort and consolation. Let us pray that God will heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

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

That the Lord Jesus who blesses those who mourn and are in pain will look upon Tracie's family and friends who gather around her today.

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

For all those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face especially Nan & Pop Barraclough, Nan & Pop Fuller, Lee Barraclough, Mark Barraclough and Paul "Dapto" Armatage.

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

For the doctors and nurses who cared for Tracie, that their works of service may be richly blessed. Let us pray to the Lord.

Let us 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 in faith and confidence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen

## WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

### FINAL COMMENDATION: INVITATION TO PRAYER

**Priest:** Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister, Tracie. May our farewell express our affection for her; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet her again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

### SONG OF FAREWELL

Saints of God come to her aid!  
Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord!

**Response:** Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;  
May angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham. R

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon her. R

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister, Tracie, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon her in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our sister forever. Amen.





## RECESSIONAL HYMN: "On Eagles Wings"

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord  
Who abide in his shadow for life  
Say to the Lord: 'My refuge  
My rock in whom I trust.'

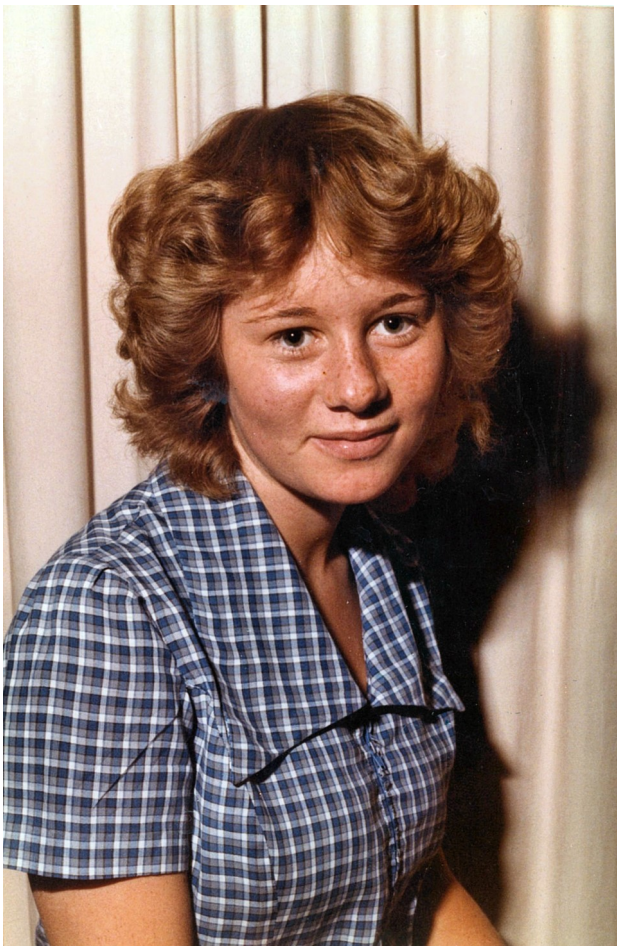
*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of his hand*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you  
And famine will bring you no fear  
Under his wings your refuge  
His faithfulness your shield

You need not fear the terror of the night  
Nor the arrow that flies by day  
Though thousands fall about you  
Near you it shall not come.

For to his angels he's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways  
Upon their hands they will bear you up  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone

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## *They Are Gone*

You can shed tears because they are gone, or you can smile because they lived. You can close your eyes and pray they will come back, or you can open your eyes and see all that they left for you. Your heart can be empty because you can't see them, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember only that they are gone, or you can cherish their memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind and feel empty, or you can do what they would want. Smile, Open your heart. Love and go on.

Elizabeth Ammons



In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to  
PanKind The Australian Pancreatic Cancer Foundation

*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. The family warmly invite you to share light refreshments at Uralla Bowling Club following the service.*



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