



A Memorial Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of

Leslie John Allen

23rd November 1929 - 18th November 2021

The Karinya Room, Bance Funeral Services
Friday 26th November 2021

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Opening Music - 'Candle In The Wind' (Elton John)

Welcome and Introduction

Brian Gawne

'The Day God Called You Home' read by Kate Marshall

God looked around his garden, And he found an empty space,
He then looked down upon His earth, and saw your loving face,
He put his arms around you, and lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.

He knew you were suffering, He knew you were in pain,
and He knew that you would never get well on earth again.

He saw your path was difficult, He closed your weary eyes,
He whispered to you "Peace be Thine", and gave you wings to fly.

When we saw you sleeping, so calm and free of pain,
we would not wish you back on earth to suffer once again.
You've left us special memories, your love will be our guide,
you live on through your children, you're always by our side.

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone,
for part of us went with you on the day God called you home.

'The Dash' read by Dianne Veliscek

I read of a man who stood to speak
at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on the tombstone
from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth
and spoke the following date with tears,
but he said what mattered most of all
was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time
that they spent alive on earth...
And now only those who loved them know
what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own;
the cars...the house...the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
and how we spend our dash.



So think about this long and hard...
are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left,
that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
to consider what's true and real,
and always try to understand
the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,
and show appreciation more and
love the people in our lives
like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,
and more often wear a smile...
remembering that this special dash
might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read,
with your life's actions to rehash...
would you be proud of the things they say
about how you spent your dash?



Tribute - Peter Humble

Eulogy - Stewart Allen

Photo Tribute

‘Hallelujah’ (KD Lang)

‘Dance With My Father’ (Luther Vandross)

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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

The Farewell

Closing Words

Final Music - Sydney Swans Club Song



Joan, Dianne, Craig, Stewart and their families
thank everyone for joining them here today.

Everyone is invited to join them after the service
for the continued sharing of memories
in the Mirage Room of the RSL Club,
Dobbs Street, Wagga Wagga.



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