

A Celebration of the Life of
Okke Huitema

24/4/1930 - 17/9/2021



Funeral Prayers held at
Handley & Anderson Chapel
on Monday September 27, 2021 - 1030am
Father Darren Howie



Order of Service

Entrance Hymn: 'Here I am Lord' - Eric Tom

Introduction: Fr. Darren Howie

Eulogy: Geoffrey Huitema

Tributes:

Barry Huitema read by Michelle Huitema

From the Netherlands read by Linda Pellizzer

Grandchildren read by Elly Pellizzer and Billy Huitema

Wonthaggi Woodcrafters read by Jannice Aucote

Video Tributes:

Rebecca Armstrong, Carys Armstrong, Rhys Armstrong and Jessie Pellizzer

Photo Presentation: 'Down Memory Lane' - Isla Grant & Daniel O'Donnell
'My Happiness' - Isla & Al Grant

Opening Prayer: (Please stand)

Lord, in our grief, we turn to you. Are you not the God of love, always ready to hear our cries? Listen to our prayers for your servant Okke, whom you have called out of this world: lead him to your kingdom of light and peace and count him among the saints in glory.

We ask this through God forever.

All: Amen

(Please be seated)

First Reading: Romans 8:31-35,37-39 *read by Bonny Huitema*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us-he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us. Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are

troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: 'The Lord is my shepherd' (To Be Sung)

(Please Stand)

Gospel Acclamation: (ALL)

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.

Gospel: Fr. Darren Howie

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 17:24-26

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Father, Righteous One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them.' The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

(Please be seated)

Homily: Fr. Darren Howie

(Please Stand)

Prayers of the Faithful:

Introduction: Fr. Darren Howie

God, the Almighty Father raised Jesus His Son from the dead.
With confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead.

Austin and Lewis Huitema:

That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of Okke.
Lord hear us:

All: Lord hear our prayer

Marni Lawton:

That the Lord Jesus who blesses those who mourn and are in pain will
look upon Okke's family and friends who gather around him today.
Lord hear us:

All: Lord hear our prayer

Amelia Emery:

That God may welcome into glory those of our family and friends who
have departed this life, Okke's daughter Diane, his mother Dorothea, his
father Johannes and his 8 departed brothers and sisters.

Lord hear us:

All: Lord hear our prayer

Matt Huitema:

We pray also for Dr. Stan and the District Nurses, who were so loving and
kind in the care that they provided for Okke, that they may be assisted in
their work in these difficult times.

Lord hear us:

All: Lord hear our prayer

Conclusion: Fr. Darren Howie

Almighty God, You are our strength and hope. Listen to the prayers of
Your people and grant Okke the fullness of Your salvation in Jesus Christ
who lives and reigns forever and ever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (All)

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.

Final Commendation: Fr. Darren Howie

Prayer of Farewell:

ALL: Response: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Saints of God, come to his aid!
Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord! *(R)*

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

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him. *(R)*

Recessional Hymn : 'Traveller's Prayer' - Slim Dusty

Wonthaggi Cemetery

Music: 'I did it my way' - Frank Sinatra



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