

## BLESSING

May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be ever at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face.  
May the rains fall softly upon your fields.  
Until we meet again may God hold you.  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.  
And the blessing of God ...

Go in peace in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**



## PALL BEARERS

Casey Woodward  
Tahlia Jensen  
Clay Johnson  
Tori Johnson

Shanee Johnson  
Cody Jones  
Kaitlin Jones



***The Family invites you to join them for refreshments at the Injune Bowls Club following the service.***

## *A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of*



# *Desmond Joseph Jones*

**Born 14th July 1948**

**Died 10th October 2023**

*Graveside Injune Cemetery  
Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 2pm*

## **Gathering music:**

*"Grandpa (Tell Me 'Bout the Good Old Days)" by The Judds*

## **WELCOME**

### **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

We have come together to thank God for the life of *Desmond Joseph Jones*, known as *Des*, to mourn and honour him, to lay to rest his mortal body, and to support one another in grief.

We face the certainty of our own death and judgement, yet Christians believe that those who die in Christ share eternal life with him. Therefore in faith and hope we turn to God, who created and sustains us all.

*'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet will they live.'* **John 11.25**

#### **Let us pray**

Loving God, you alone are the source of life.  
May your life-giving Spirit flow through us,  
and fill us with compassion, one for another.  
In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace.  
Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **EULOGY**

*read by Tori Johnson*

## **REFLECTIVE SONG**

*"Lights on the hill" by Slim Dusty*

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Psalms 23** *read by Kaitlin Jones*

**Ecclesiastes 3.1-8** *read by Casey Woodward*

## **HOMILY**

*Rev'd Heather Dearden*



## **PRAYERS**

Let us pray with confidence to God our Father,  
who raised Jesus Christ from the dead for the salvation of all.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name.  
Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those that trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and  
ever. Amen.**

## **THE FAREWELL**

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our brother, Des by water and the Spirit. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way, to live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages.  
**Amen.**

Let us entrust our brother Des to the mercy of God

**Holy and loving Father, by your mighty power you gave us life,  
and in your love you have given us new life in Christ Jesus.  
We entrust Des to your merciful keeping: In the faith of Jesus  
Christ, who died and rose again to save us, and now lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in glory for ever.  
Amen.**

## **THE COMMITTAL**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life. In your keeping are all who have departed in Christ.

We here commit the body of our dear brother Des to be buried in the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, and who shall change our mortal body that it may be like his glorious body.  
**Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Music:**

*"Leave Him in the Long Yard" by Slim Dusty*