



Jillian, Scott & family express their appreciation for your kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy. An invitation to all to join with us at the CWA Hall after the committal at the Roma Cemetery.



IN LOVING

memory



Joan Aileen Johnston

16.11.1930 - 07.01.2025

St Paul's Anglican Church Roma
Thursday, 16th January 2025 at 10 am



Order of Service

PRELUDE MUSIC: "Because You Loved Me" Celine Dion

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 *Joan Johnston* to mourn and honour her, to lay to rest her 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: *David Cooper*

POEM: read by Desley Davey

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 23 & John 14:1-6 read by Aileen Knowles

PRAYERS

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray.

**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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FAREWELL (*please stand*)

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our sister Joan by water and the Spirit. Grant that her 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 sister Joan 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 Joan 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 BLESSING

God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy for us you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life.

Be our refuge and strength in sorrow. Go in peace in the name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL MUSIC: "One Day at a Time" Lynda Randle

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