

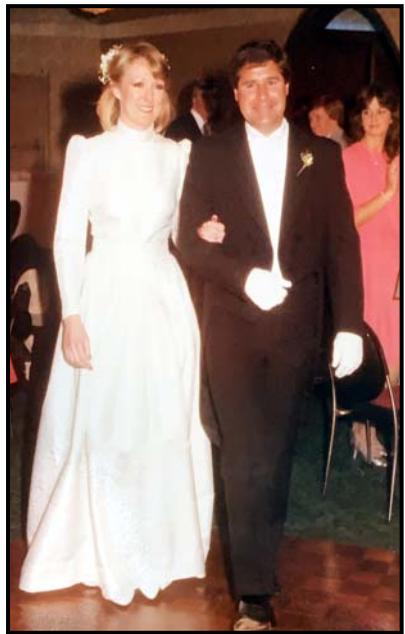
In Celebration of the life of

JOHN WILLIAM GILLESPIE

5 January 1952 - 18 August 2021



South Chapel, Northern Suburbs Crematorium
31 August 2021



Celebrant

Father Phil Linder

Introductory Rites

(Please stand)

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions Masks and distancing
are required as per NSW Health requirements.*

Pall Bearers

*Stephen Gillespie, Thomas Gillespie, Peter Gillespie,
Viv May, Joseph Nicholls*

Entrance Hymn **HERE I AM LORD**

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Greeting and Welcome

Fr. Phil In the name of the Father and of the Son ✚
 and of the Holy Spirit.

All *Amen.*

Fr. Phil The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All *And with your spirit.*

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Fr. Phil In the waters of baptism John died with Christ
 and rose with him to new life.

All *May John now share with him eternal glory.*

Placing of Symbols

*John's Goggles, Bucket Hat, Manly Jersey, Crane Award
placed by Helen Gillespie*

Words of Remembrance

(Please sit)

*Peter Gillespie
Andrew Esquilant
Thomas Gillespie*

Collect (Opening Prayer)

(Please stand)

Fr. Phil O God, almighty Father,
 our faith professes that your Son died and rose again;
 mercifully grant, that through this mystery
 your servant John, who has fallen asleep in Christ,
 may rejoice to rise again through him.
 who lives and reigns with you in the
 unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

(Please sit)

First Reading

Stephen Gillespie

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

(43:1a-4)

Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by your name you are mine.
When you pass through deep waters I will be with you,
your troubles will not overwhelm you.
When you walk through fire you will not be burned,
the hard trials that come will not hurt you.
I am the Lord your God, the Holy One, your Saviour.
You are precious in my eyes and honoured
and I love you.

The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (sung)

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD

Second Reading

Viv May

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

(14:13)

I, John, heard a voice from heaven
Say to me, 'Write down:
Happy are those who die in the Lord!
Happy indeed, the Spirit says;
now they can rest for ever after their work,
since their good deeds go with them.'

The word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)

All

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,
whoever believes in me will never die.*

Alleluia!



Gospel

Fr. Phil The Lord be with you.

All *And with your spirit.*

Fr. Phil A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. (14:1-6)

All *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Fr. Phil Jesus said to his disciples:
 “Do not let your hearts be troubled.
 Trust in God still, and trust in me.
 There are many rooms in my Father’s house;
 If there were not, I should have told you.
 I am going now to prepare a place for you,
 and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
 I shall return to take you with me;
 so that where I am you may be too.
 You know the way to the place where I am going.”
 Thomas said, “Lord, we do not know where you
 are going, so how can we know the way?”
 Jesus said: “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,
 no one can come to the Father except through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Homily

Father Phil Linder

(Please sit)



Prayer of the Faithful

(Please stand)

Carla Nicholls

Fr. Phil Christ is the way, the truth and the life. Let us pray with confidence through him, who shared our earthly journey, so as to bring us to our heavenly home.

Carla John was given the promise of eternal life in Baptism. Lord, give him now communion with your saints for ever. Lord, hear us.

All *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Carla John lived believing in Christ as the hope of his life; may Christ now lead him safely home to the Father's house. Lord, hear us.

All *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Carla We pray that nothing of John's life will be lost, but the memories of him and his goodness will be cherished by all his loved ones. Lord, hear us.

All *Lord, hear our prayer*

Carla We ask that we who were loved by John may now, because of his death, be even closer to each other. Lord, hear us.

All *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Carla We pray for John's family and friends, especially his loving wife Helen and proud mother Betty. Lord, strengthen them and fill them with your peace. Lord, hear us.

All *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Carla We pray for all those who have gone before us, especially John's father Bill. May they welcome John into the joys of heaven. Lord, hear us.

All *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Carla We pray for all who have gathered here to worship in faith. Lord, make us one in your kingdom. Lord, hear us.

All *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Fr. Phil God of our salvation, you reward the just, and console those who mourn. Hear our prayers in the name of your Risen Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

All *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

Fr. Phil At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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. Amen.*

Visual Reflection of John's Life

THE WONDER OF YOU - ELVIS PRESLEY
WOULDN'T IT BE NICE - THE BEACH BOYS

Final Commendation and Farewell

Invitation to Prayer

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

Sprinkling

Song of Farewell

Fr. Phil Saints of God, come to John's aid!
 Come to meet him, angels of the Lord.

All Receive John's soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr. Phil May Christ who called you, take you to himself
 and may the angels lead you to Abraham's side.

All Receive John's soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr. Phil Give John eternal rest, O Lord
 and may your light shine upon him for ever.

All Receive John's soul and present him to God the Most High.

Prayer of Commendation

(Please stand)

Fr. Phil Into your hands, Father of mercies,
 we commend our brother John.
 in the sure and certain hope
 that, together with all who have died in Christ,
 he will rise with him on the last day.

 We give you thanks for the blessings
 which you bestowed upon John 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 brother John for ever.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Fr. Phil May the angels lead you into paradise,
 may the martyrs come to welcome you
 and take you to the holy city,
 the new and eternal Jerusalem.

Recessional Song

MY WAY FRANK SINATRA

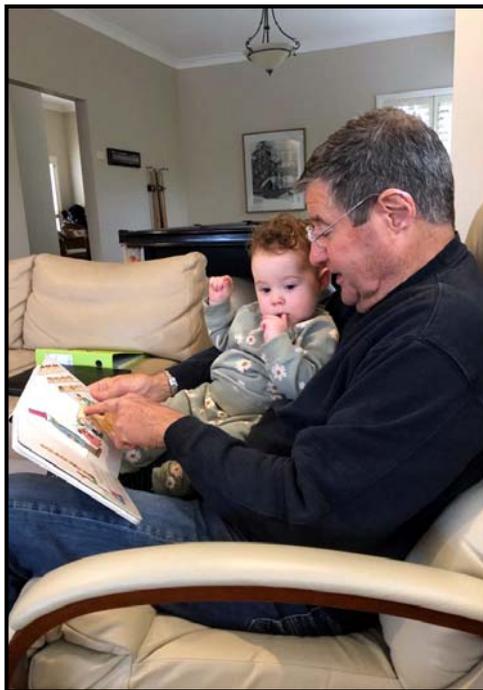
*During difficult times we are reminded
of how much our family and friends mean to us.*

*Your thoughtful prayers and gestures of love and support
have touched our family deeply and will never be forgotten,
both here today and those that have joined us from afar.*

*We thank you for joining us at this
Service to celebrate John's life.*



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Forever in our hearts



*"He who we have loved and lost
is not now where he was before.
He is now wherever we are."*

St John Chryostom

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