

# **TERRY MICHAEL STONE**



***2 June 1957 – 23 July 2001***



## **Terry Michael Stone**

**2 June 1957 to 23 July 2001**

**44 years**

***Son of Les [deceased] and Pam, brother of Susan and Shane, Uncle to Jack and Madeleine, husband [Sharon-seperated], brother in law of Josephine.***

### **Principal Celebrant**

**Most Rev Ted Collins MSC DD AM**  
**Bishop of Darwin**

### **Venue**

**St Mary's Catholic Cathedral**  
**9.00 am for the service and prayers**  
**Sunset on Darwin Harbour to farwell Terry**

### **Pall Bearers**

**Paul Butler & Peter Woods [childhood mates]**  
**Michael Hannon & Bill Bannon [work mates]**  
**Shane Stone [brother] & Peter Brown [a mate]**

### **Readings**

**Susan Stone**  
**Paul Butler**

### **Prayers**

**Josephine Stone**

### **Eulogy - his story**

**Shane Stone**



## Welcome Terry

Funerals can be occasions of great sadness and sorrow. For those who have the strength of their faith this service remains an important ritual in life.

Terry is a Catholic and believed and trusted in God. **Honour his memory by participating here this morning.** He would want that. Speak up and sing up for Terry.

Play your part so we can all help each other through this sorrow.

Today's service includes extracts from the farwell service at Dili Airport last Friday when 150 people thereabouts gathered to send him home.

Terry loved the music of Bob Dylan. You will hear two of his favourite tracks during the service because that's what Terry would have wanted.

He had many favourites but here's one to start, ***Knocking on Heavens Door***, one of Dylan's classics.

***Please stand to welcome Terry when the song starts.***



### ***Please remain standing***

**Celebrant** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**We all say** And also with you

### ***Prayer***

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Lord, we gather in sadness and sorrow at Terry's sudden and tragic death. We come to say goodbye to a friend, workmate and family member.

We say thank you Lord for his good qualities, for the things that endeared him to us, and for the goodness he showed towards other people. We thank you for the ways he made this world a better place.

Lord, we pray with confidence that you will take him to heaven to be with you forever. May this faith give us some comfort in this time of great sadness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**We all say** Amen

### ***Please be seated***

## **The first reading**

*A reading from the Book of Wisdom. The reader is Paul Butler, an old school friend from Wodonga now working as a journalist on the Centralian Advocate. Paul dignified Terry's memory with his national article about his mate.*

A virtuous man, though he dies before his time, will find rest. Length of days is not what makes age honourable. nor the number of years the true measure of life. Understanding, this is man's grey hair. Untarnished life, this is ripe old age. He has sought to please God, so God has loved him. As he was living among sinners, he has been taken up. He has been carried off so that evil may not warp his understanding. or treachery seduce his soul. For the fascination with evil throws good things into the shade. And the whirlwind of desire corrupts a simple heart. Coming to perfection in so short a while, has achieved a long life, his soul being pleasing to the Lord, he has taken him quickly from the wickedness around him. Yet people look on uncomprehending, it does not enter their heads that grace and mercy await the chosen of the Lord, and protection, his holy ones. This is the word of the Lord.

**We all say** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm**

***The Lord is my Shepherd was sung at Terry's dad's funeral in 1974 – he was only just 17.***

***The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.***

***He guides me along the right path, he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort.***

***You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil, my cup is overflowing.***

***Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lords own house shall I dwell forever and ever.***



## **The second reading**

***A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastics. The reader is Terry's little sister Susan.***

There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven. A time to be born, a time to die. A time to plant and a time to uproot. A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build. A time to weep and a time to laugh. A time to mourn and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them. A time to embrace and a time to refrain. A time to search and a time to give up. A time for keeping and a time for throwing away. A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be silent and a time to speak. A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace.

God has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of all; yet we cannot fathom what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better than to be happy and do good while I live. I know that everything that God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken away from it. God does it so that all people will revere him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**We all say** Thanks be to God.

***Please all stand***

**Gospel Acclamation**

**We all say**

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much he gave us his only  
Son that all who believed in him might have  
eternal life.

Alleluia.

**Gospel**

A selected reading from the Holy Gospel.

**Celebrant** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**We all say** Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

***Please sit***

**Amazing Grace** [page 29 As One Voice Hymn  
Book. We picked a hymn everyone should know].

**Homily**

***Homily to be delivered by the Bishop of  
Darwin The Most Rev Ted Collins MSC DD AM***



## Prayers

*Josephine Stone, Terry's sister in law, will lead the prayers. Terry was best man at Shane and Josephine's wedding in 1977.*

### **Please all stand**

**Celebrant** For Terry let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said 'I am the resurrection and the life. whoever believes in me shall live even in death and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die'. Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress, draw near to us who mourn for Terry, and dry the tears of those who weep.

**Josephine** For Terry's family and friends, that our love and respect for him will give them support in their grief. Lord hear us.

**All of us** Lord hear our prayer

**Josephine** For those of us gathered here, and all those who knew Terry in Dili and Darwin, that we will all be blessed as we continue our work and are lives here without him.

Lord here us.

**All of us** Lord hear our prayer

**Josephine** Let us prayer for those who  
mourn. Comfort them in their grief.

**All of us** Lord hear our prayer

**Josephine** Let us pray for the people of  
East Timor that they will move away from a  
culture of violence and towards greater  
peace and harmony.

**All of us** Lord hear our prayer

**Josephine** We pray for all victims of crime,  
we understand their grief and console them  
in their sorrow.

**All of us** Lord hear our prayer

**Josephine** Let us all now say together the  
Lords Prayer.

**All of us**

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 the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours now and  
forever. Amen.

***Please be seated***

***Eulogy – his story***

His older brother Shane Stone will deliver the eulogy.

***Please Stand***

***Prayer of Farwell***

Lord, we now start Terry on his journey to his late father in heaven. May we never forget the good that Terry did and the compassion that he showed others. May we keep alive his memory by emulating in our own lives the kindness that he showed to all who knew him.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

***We all say*** Amen

***Benediction***

***We all say*** May the God of all grace, who called you his eternal glory in Christ, restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen (1 Peter 5:10-11)



His favourite **Dylan** song – ***Like a Rolling Stone***.

### ***Cremation***

There will be a private cremation.

### ***The final journey and farwell***

Terry's ashes will be scattered on Darwin Harbour where he loved to fish as the sun went down.

*Every time you see that great 'top end' sunset  
spare a prayer and a thought for the young  
fella.*

### ***Thank you***

Bishop Ted, Father Tim and Sister Helen

Elspeth & Michael Hannon AM

Wastemaster & Brambles Management

Pottsy, Ron Brown and Wombat

Foreign Affairs (Dili and Canberra)

Pat Palmer and her helpers

All the staff at the Timor Lodge & Wayne Thomas

Billy Bannon

Nick Paspaley AC

Paul Butler, Peter Woods & Brownie

Jean Whitla & Bob McLean

Gary Coleman

All his mates – sorry if we missed anyone !

Pam and Les Stone for just having him



**Rest in peace  
young fella**



*My brother Terry was one of the kindest and most compassionate people you would ever hope to meet. Over the years our relationship with each other changed and grew, as did our lives. Whilst there was many miles separating us I know Terry was always there for me. He was the kind of man that would give you the shirt off his back. If there was something that Terry could do to help he wouldn't hesitate. He had the biggest heart and most generous spirit. In the last couple of years Terry and I were developing an even stronger and stronger bond after the separation of living so far from each other. We were constantly talking of catching up this year but believed we had all the time in the world. We didn't. Tragically how wrong we were. Terry was a beautiful person who has been taken from me and I will miss him every day of my life, as will all who had the honour of knowing and loving him.*

*His little sister.*

*Sue*

