

A Funeral Mass to Celebrate the life of
Harold David Mair

2nd June 1919 - 7th September 2011



**St Patrick's Catholic Church,
Albury, NSW**

14th September 2011

**Father Kevin Flanagan
Father Joel Wallace**

Entrance Hymn "Be Not Afraid "

You shall cross the barren desert but you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand
You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid I go before you always
Come follow me and I will give you rest

If you pass through raging waters in the sea you shall not drown
If you walk amid the burning flames you shall not be harmed
If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side
Know that I am with you through it all

Be not afraid I go before you always
Come follow me and I will give you rest

Blessed are your poor for the kingdom shall be theirs
Blest are you that weep and mourn for one day you shall laugh
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me
Blessed, blessed are you

Be not afraid I go before you always
Come follow me and I will give you rest

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Blessing the Casket with Holy Water

Lighting of the Easter Candle

First Reading Revelation 14: 13

(Book of the Apocalypse)

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". *This is the word of the Lord*

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 23) *Sung*

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green He leadeth me
The quiet waters by

My soul he doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness
E'en for His own name's sake

Yea though I walk in death's dark vale
Yet will I fear none ill
For Thou art with me and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes
My head Thou dost with oil anoint
And my cup overflows

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me
And in God's house forever more
My dwelling place shall be

Second Reading Romans 14: 7-12

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord; so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life; it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. *This is the Word of the Lord*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Whoever lives in love, lives in God and God lives in them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Homily

Prayers Of The Faithful

Lord we rejoice in our precious time with grandfather who was a devoted husband and a loving and proud father, grandfather and great-grandfather. As the patriarch of our family, he showed us great love, warmth and the importance in our lives of service to the community.

READER: We pray to the Lord

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

Lord we pray for family, especially for his wife Josie, son Trevor and friends who have gone before us. Gather them with grandfather to yourself in eternal life.

READER: We pray to the Lord

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for the Church and our world. May all nations work together for peace and the good of humanity.

READER: We pray to the Lord

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for Joan, Di and Marie and all his caring neighbours and friends at Howlong and for the many professionals who cared for grandfather, especially the Community Nurses. The support of these people enabled grandfather to remain independent in his own home. We also pray for the nurses, doctors and staff who cared for grandfather at Albury Base Hospital.

READER: We pray to the Lord

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

Offertory Hymn "Here I am Lord "

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide, Til their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Communion Hymn "Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace my fears relieved
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has bought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

Eulogy

Photographic Tribute "On Eagles Wings"



Prayers of Commendation

Response: " Receive his soul and present him to God
the most high"

Final Blessing

Recessional Hymn "How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars; I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

(Chorus)

**Then sings my soul my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; **(Chorus)**

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die - I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. **(Chorus)**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art! **(Chorus)**

Harold's family thank you for your prayers, support
and for sharing this celebration of his life today.

They invite you to join them for fellowship and
refreshments at the
Commercial Club, Albury,
(Stanley Room C)
after the burial service.

