

A Celebration of the Life of

Barbara Anne Matthews

27th August 1949 - 10th January 2025



*The Hume Chapel, John Hossack Funeral Services
Tuesday, 21st January 2025, 10:15am*

Fr Martin Cruickshank

Order of Service

Opening Song: *I Wanna Hold Your Hand ~ The Beatles*

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Through the waters of Baptism Barbara was welcomed into a community of faith. With this Holy Water we bless her body, trusting that the ever flowing water of eternal life now carries with her into the arms of her creator.

ALL: May she now share eternal life with Him in glory.

Lighting of the Paschal Candle ~ Michelle Matthews

This candle reminds us of Christ's presence in Barbara's life and of the light she was to us and those whose lives she touched.

ALL: May Christ, the eternal and unfading light, now welcome her into the kingdom of light and peace.

Placing and Blessing of the Cross ~ Robert Matthews

The cross is the central symbol of our Christian identity. It speaks to us of the importance of love, trust and hope.

ALL: May Barbara who walked in the footsteps of Jesus, share in His resurrection and new life.

Eulogy: Shared by Christine Canty and Lola Reardon

Visual Reflection of Barbara's Life

All Shook Up, Don't Be Cruel, Heartbreak Hotel ~ Elvis Presley

The First Reading

A Reading From The Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season and a time for everything under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to pluck up what has been planted. A time to break down and a time to build up. A time to weep and a time to laugh. A time to mourn and a time to dance. A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing. A time to tear and a time to sew. A time to keep silent and a time to speak. A time to love and a time for peace. God has made everything suitable in it's time.

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God

The Second Reading

A Reading from The Book of Revelation 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."

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ALL: Thanks be to God

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Commendation

Response: Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.

Saints of God, come to her aid, come to meet her, angels of the Lord!

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May Christ, who called you, take you to himself, may angels lead you safely home.

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Give her eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine upon her forever.

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Recessional Song: *Amazing Grace* ~ *Elvis Presley*



*Thank you for sharing this celebration
of Barbara's life
Your love, prayers and friendship
will always be remembered.*