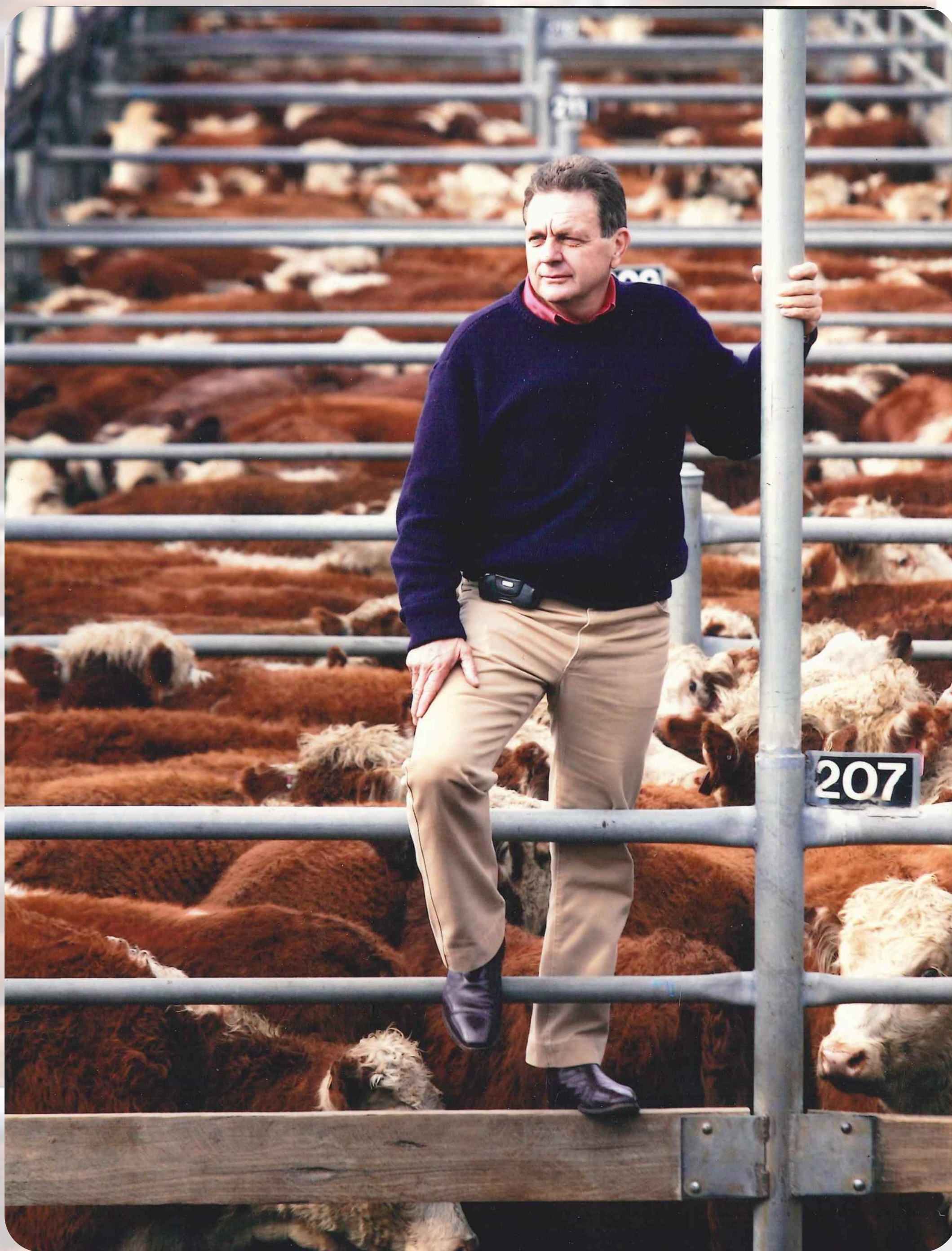


A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF



Stephen James Paull

6th March 1951 - 28th March 2025

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, North Albury

Thursday, 10th April 2025, 1:00pm

Clergy ~ Father Martin Cruickshank

ORDER OF SERVICE

Entrance Music

Morning Has Broken ~ Cat Stevens

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Through the waters of Baptism, Stephen was welcomed into a community of faith. With this Holy Water we bless him again, trusting that the ever flowing water of eternal life now carries him into the arms of his creator.

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

Lighting of Paschal Candle

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

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

Placing and Blessing of the Cross

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

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

Eulogy

Shared by Matthew Paull

Memories in Pictures of Stephen's Life

Have I Told You Lately That I Love You ~ Van Morrison
Unforgettable ~ Nat King Cole and Natalie Cole

Liturgy of The Word

Read by Cassandra Paull

First Reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

Here is a faithful man whose good works have not been forgotten.

In his loved ones there remains a rich inheritance born of him, and thanks to him, in all those for whom he cared. His glory will not fade. His body will be buried in peace and his name will live on for all generations. The people will proclaim his wisdom, the assembly will celebrate his praises. The word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Read by Clare Paull

The Response is ~ Steve we will remember you

At the rising sun and its going down

Steve we will remember you

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of Winter

Steve we will remember you

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of Spring

Steve we will remember you

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of Summer

Steve we will remember you

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of Autumn

Steve we will remember you

At the beginning of the year and when it ends

Steve we will remember you

When we are weary and in need of strength

Steve we will remember you

When we have joys and worries to share

Steve we will remember you

For your life is always joined with our life and forever

Steve we will remember you

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
Whoever believes in me will live forever.
Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

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 the 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 shall be too. You know the way to the place 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. Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. Do not be worried and upset, do not be afraid.” The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Father Martin Cruickshank

Prayers of Intercession

Fr Martin:

Let us place our prayers before God who brings rest to the
weary,
joy to the sad and eternal life to all who believe in Him.

As we mourn the loss of our husband, father, grandad and
friend, we ask for the same strength and courage that Steve
always embodied.
Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer

We thank you Lord for the gift of Steve's life.
He loved us and showed that love to us in many ways.
He taught us to find joy.
May we hold him in our hearts forever.
Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

May we take into our own lives the values that
we admired in Steve as he lived them in his everyday life.
Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

We give thanks for all those who were a part of Steve's life in many different ways and for all the memories we hold dear.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

Fr Martin: Lord, give us the certainty that beyond death there is a life where broken things are mended and lost things are found; where all that we have loved and willed of good exists and where we will meet again our loved ones.

We ask this through Christ the Risen Lord.

ALL: Amen.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.

Personal Tributes

Steve, his Working Life ~ Lucinda Corrigan

A Friend in Life ~ Brendan Munk

Poem ~ You Can Shed Tears

Read by Andrew Treweek

*You can shed tears that he is gone
or you can smile because he has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back
or you can open your eyes and see all he's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember him and only that he's gone
or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind, be empty
and turn your back
or you can do what he'd want: smile,
open your eyes, love and go on.*

Prayers of Commendation

Saints of God, come to his aid! Come to meet him,
angels of the Lord!

**ALL: Receive his soul and present him to God
the most high.**

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

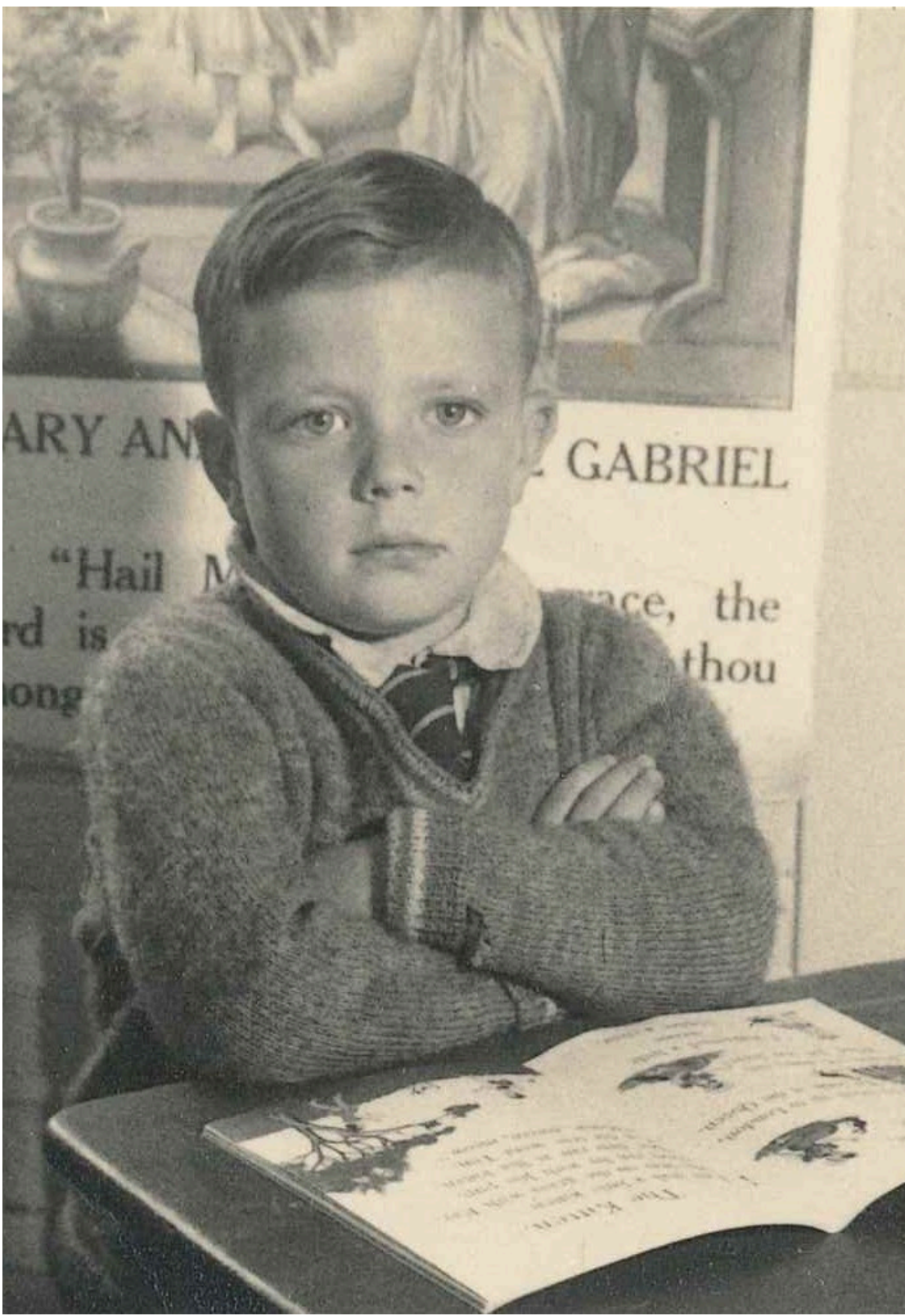
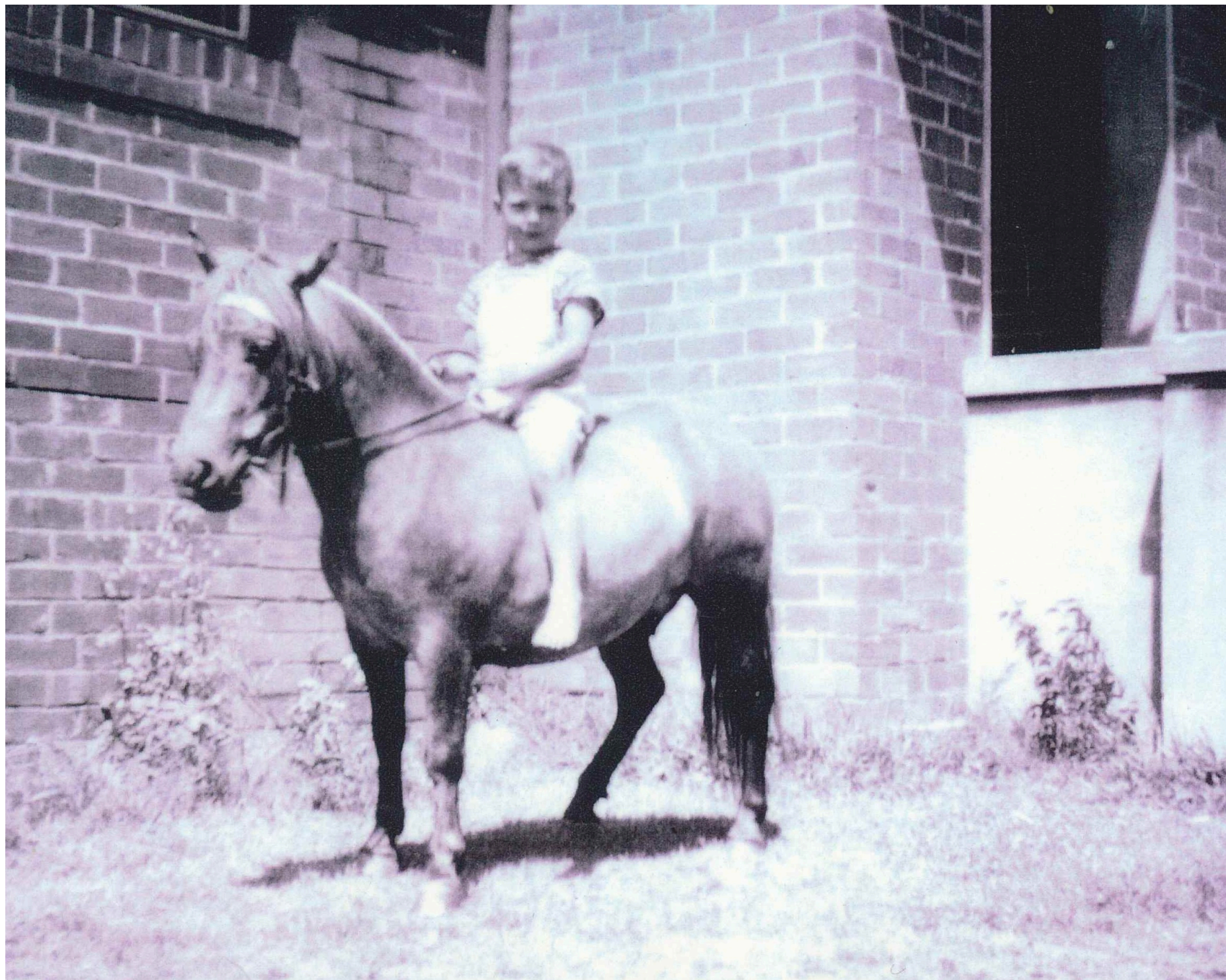
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Give him eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light
shine upon him forever.

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the most high.**

Recessional Song

Fields of Gold ~ Eva Cassidy





*Stephen's family thank you for your prayers,
kind wishes and presence here today.*

*You are invited to join our family at the
Albury Club, 519 Kiewa Street, Albury
for fellowship and refreshments
at the conclusion of today's funeral service.*