

We have loved her in life,
Let us not forget her in death.



'Rest in Peace, Robyn'

Funeral Prayers
for the Repose of the Soul of
Robyn Hancock



Born: ~24th April 1961

Entered the Fullness of Life: 6th January, 2025
St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina ~ 23rd January, 2025

Celebrant: Father Anselm Okeke

Please Stand:

ENTRANCE HYMN: I'LL WALK WITH GOD – Michael Crawford

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
People: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you
People: And with your spirit.

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS:

OPENING PRAYER:

Priest: Merciful Lord, whose wisdom is beyond human understanding. You adopted **Robyn** as your own in baptism and have taken her to yourself even as she stood on the threshold of life. Listen to our prayers and extend to us your grace, that one day we may share eternal life with **Robyn**, for we firmly believe that she now rests with you. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Please be seated:



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Tm 4:6-8

Reader: Julie Scott.

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

As for me, my life is already being poured away, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith.

All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND.

One night a woman had a dream. She dreamed she was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from her life. For each scene she noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One belonging to her and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of her life flashed before her, she looked back at the footprints in the sand. She noticed that many times along the path of her life there was only one set of footprints. She also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of her life.

This really bothered her and she questioned the LORD about it. LORD you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me.

The LORD replied, my precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.



Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.

Life is beauty, admire it.

Life is bliss, taste it.

Life is a dream, realize it

Life is a challenge, meet it.

Life is duty, complete it.

Life is a game, play it.

Life is a promise, fulfil it.

Life is sorrow, overcome it.

Life is a song, sing it.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

By Brian Boniwell

The Lord is my shepherd
and I want to follow
wherever he leads me,
wherever he goes.
Over the mountains,
the waters and by ways,
valleys and highways,
he's waiting for me.

Refrain:

*I want to go
to meet him there,
to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my Shepherd
and I want to follow
wherever he leads me,
wherever he goes.*



And while on the journey
to where we are going,
he promised to be there
to help us along.
And over the mountains
we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me.

Refrain:

Please stand:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL:

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."

Father Anselm

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.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated:

PERSONAL TRIBUTE:

Carol Hokin



PHOTO PRESENTATION: Flower on the Water by John Williamson

FINAL COMMENDATION & FAREWELL

SONG OF FAREWELL:

Priest: Saints of God, come to her aid! Hasten to meet her,
Angels of the Lord!

All: Receive her soul and present her to God
the Most High.

Priest: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

All: Receive her soul and present her to God
the Most High.

Priest: Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine
upon her.

All: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Please stand

BLESSING:

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 'I have a Dream' by Abba



Kathy and Carol wish to sincerely thank everyone
who attended these Funeral Prayers for Robyn
and all who have offered their prayers and
loving support in so many ways.

Burial will follow at East Ballina Cemetery

Following the burial please join
the family for light refreshment at
Cherry Street Bowling Club,
68 Cherry Street, Ballina.