



*"Everything you love is very likely to be lost, but in the end, love will always return in a different way." - Franz Kafka*

Thank you for being with us to celebrate Brenda's life.

The Stewarts warmly invite you to join them for a light lunch and refreshments after Brenda's celebration of life at Carbrook Golf Club, 653 Beenleigh Redland Bay Road, Carbrook Queensland 4130.



  
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# Brenda May Stewart

1st March 1942 - 23rd June 2024



*"For life and death are one,  
Even as the river and the sea are one."  
Kahlil Gibran, The Prophet*

# Order of Service

## Welcome & Introduction

### Prayer

#### The Lord's My Shepherd

*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 no 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 forevermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.*

## Commendation

### Prayer

*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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Committal

### Blessing

#### Piper

*Vaughn Parker*



**Hymn**  
*Abide with me*

*Abide with me, fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens Lord, with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away  
Change and decay in all around I see  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee  
In life, in death, o Lord, abide with me  
Abide with me, abide with me*



**Words of Remembrance of Brenda May Stewart**  
Andrew Stewart

**Images of Remembrance**

**Bible Reading John 14 Selected verses**  
Alasdair Stewart & Claire Stewart

*Jesus said,  
'Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Believe in God, believe also in me.  
In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.  
If it were not so,  
Would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?  
And if I go and prepare a place for you,  
I will come again and will take you to myself,  
So that where I am, you may be also.  
And you know the way to the place where I am going.'*

*Thomas said to him,  
'Lord, we do not know where you are going.  
How can we know the way?'*

*Jesus said to him,  
I am the way, and the truth, and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.  
I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.  
In a little while the world will no longer see me,  
But you will see me;  
Because I live, you also will live.  
Peace, I leave with you;  
My peace I give to you.  
I do not give as the world gives.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
And do not let them be afraid.'*

*In this we hear the Word of the Lord.*

**Preaching of the Word**

**Prayers**

*Let us pray*

*Gracious God*

*We give thanks through life, death and resurrection of Jesus*

*We have a hope that death is not the final word*

*But is a new beginning in our relationship with you*

*Grant us assurance of this hope*

*As we give thanks for the life of Brenda*

*We remember with gratitude*

*Brenda's years growing up with her parents*

*And her sister Denise and brother Neville.*

*We give thanks for her meeting of Bob*

*And the family that they grew together*

*Robert and Andrew*

*Their wives Allison and Janet*

*And the much-loved grandchildren*

*Claire, Jennifer, Felicity, Alisdair and Hamish.*

*We also give thanks for the many treasured friendships*

*That she developed throughout the years.*

*We smile as we remember  
Happy times spent with Brenda  
Enjoying her cooking  
Competing in sports and games  
Simply spending time in her company  
Marvelling at her creativity with cakes and crafts  
Watching her stoicism and strength in these last months*

*Each of us has our own treasured memories*

*And we pause in silence with grateful hearts*

*As we remember*

*O God of death and life*

*Be with all those who mourn this day*

*Bless Bob with your comfort*

*As surrounded by family*

*They mourn together.*

*Bring consolation to*

*Brenda's sister Denise and brother Neville*

*To Andrew and Janet, Robert and Alison*

*And to each member of their families.*

*Surround any who mourn for Brenda*

*Or for any others for whom our hearts are heavy this day*

*With the comfort of your Holy Spirit*

*And give to us hope in the life to come*

*In Jesus name we pray. Amen*

