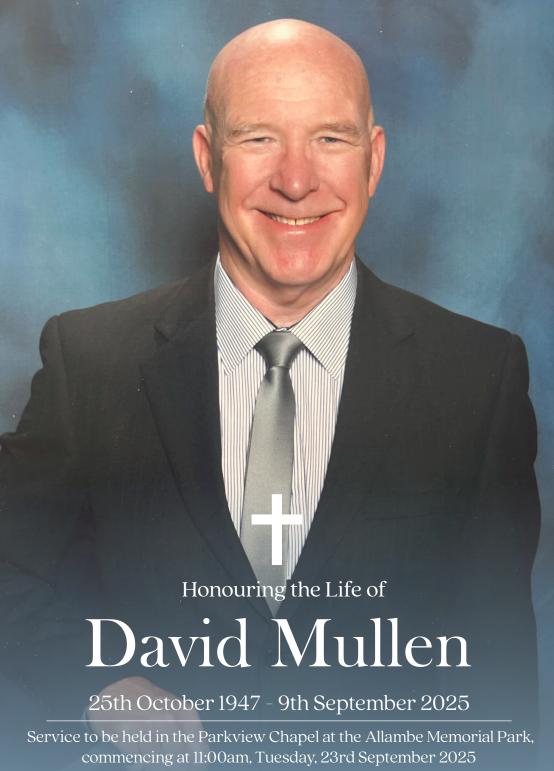


Thank you for being with us to celebrate David's life.

Words cannot express our most sincere and heartfelt thanks for the kindness, love, support and friendship that we have been shown during this difficult time.







Order of Service

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

We begin with: Rod Stewart: Sailing

The minister greets the congregation. Grace and peace from the Lord be with you. And also with you.

We have come together to thank God for the life of Dave, to mourn and honour him, to lay to rest his mortal body, and to support one another in grief.
We face the certainty of our own death and judgement. Yet Christians believe that those who die in Christ share eternal life with him.
Therefore in faith and hope we turn to God, who created and sustains us all.

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord.
'Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet will they live.'
John 11.25

The people may join with the minister in saying

[Let us pray.]
Loving God, you alone are the source of life.
May your life-giving Spirit flow through us,
and fill us with compassion, one for another.
In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace.
Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We remember Dave Photo Reflection: Daniel O'Donnell : I Watch the Sunrise Eulogy by Luke Mullen

Psalm 23 Read by Ben Armstrong

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

When the body is brought to the place, the minister meets it at the entrance. The minister greets those who have gathered. Grace and peace from the Lord be with you. And also with you.

If we live we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Romans 14.8-9 You, O Lord, are full of compassion and mercy: slow to anger and of great goodness. As a father cares for his children: so is your care, O Lord, for those who fear you. For you know of what we are made: you remember that we are but dust. Our days are like the grass: we flourish like a flower of the field; When the wind goes over it, it is gone: and its place will know it no more. But Your loving-kindness, O Lord endures for ever and ever on those that fear you: and your righteousness on their children's children.





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

The minister says

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Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love.
Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way, to live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. Amen.
The minister says

Silence may be kept. Holy and loving Father,

by your mighty power you gave us life,

and in your love you have given us new life in Christ Jesus.

Let us entrust our brother Dave to the mercy of God.

We entrust Dave to your merciful keeping:

in the faith of Jesus Christ,

who died and rose again to save us,

and now lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit

in glory for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The priest says

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.

Go in peace in the name of Christ. Amen.

Elvis Presley: You'll Never Walk Alone

AT THE GRAVESIDE

PREPARATION

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

King James Bible

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD John 14.1–6

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, there 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.'

The sermon follows the reading.

Hymn of the Risen Christ

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

so let us celebrate the feast,

Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:

death has no more dominion over him.

In dying, he died to sin once for all:

in living, he lives to God.

See yourselves, therefore, as dead to sin:

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead:

the first fruits of those who sleep

For since by one man came death:

by another has come also the resurrection of the dead,

For as in Adam all die:

even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

THE PRAYERS

The minister says

Let us pray with confidence to God our Father,

who raised Jesus Christ from the dead for the salvation of all.

Thanksgiving

Thanks be to God for the gift of life.

You have made us in your image,

and called us to reflect your truth and light.

We thank you for the life of Dave.

We give thanks for Dave's family life and friends ... personal qualities ...
Above all, we thank you for your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall be made one again in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

For those who mourn
God of all mercy, giver of all comfort:
look graciously, we pray, on those who mourn especially
Lynne, Natalie, Luke, Melanie and Ben.
Casting all their cares on you,
may they know the consolation of your love;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

THE FAREWELL

Hymn Abide With Me: Audrey Assad

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

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