

*Funeral Prayers
for the Repose of the Soul of
Nola Mary Rodey*



Born: 3rd May, 1928 ~ Broadwater N.S.W.

Entered the Fullness of Life: 17th January, 2024 ~ Ballina
St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina ~ 25th January, 2024

Celebrant: Father Peter Padsungay

Please Stand:

ENTRANCE HYMN:

NEARER MY GOD TO THEE

1.	2.
Nearer, my God, to Thee Nearer to Thee. E'en though it be a cross That raiseth me: Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer, my God, To Thee, Nearer to Thee	Friends may depart from me, Night may come down, Clouds of adversity Darken and frown: Still through my tears I'll see Hope gently leading me, Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.
3.	
What though the shadows fall, naught shall I fear: When darkest seems the night, morning is near. Sweet shall my trusting be, sorrow still bringing me Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee.	

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: Lord our God, the death of our sister, Nola recalls our human condition and the brevity of our lives on earth. But for those who believe in your love death is not the end, nor does it destroy the bonds that you forge in our lives.

We share the faith of your Son's disciples and the hope of the children of God.

Bring the light of Christ's resurrection to this time of testing and pain as we pray for Nola and for those who loved her, through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Please be seated:



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Tm 4:6-8

Reader: Family member

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.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

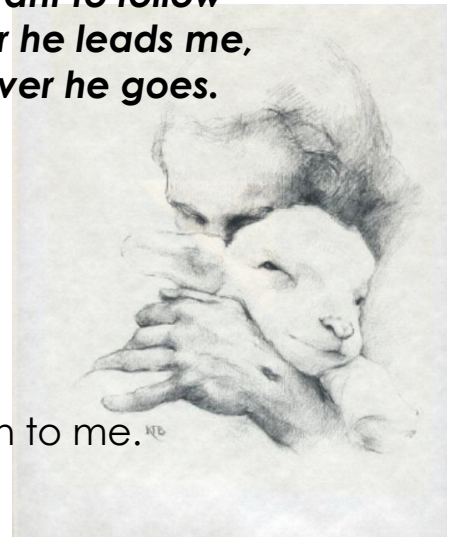
THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

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: Jn 14:1-6

Father Peter

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.”

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:

HOMILY:

Father Peter



Please stand:

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Reader: Family member/s

Priest: Let us pray with faith and confidence to God our Father. He raised his son, Jesus Christ from death. May He give peace and salvation to the living and the dead.

Reader: Lord, we pray for Nola who filled our lives and hearts with love and happiness.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Lord, we pray for Nola's family and friends, that they may find strength and consolation in the love and support of their relationships and their community. May their sorrow be transformed by hope and love.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Lord, we ask God's blessing for the staff at Crowley Care who have cared for Nola. They were compassionate and caring every minute. We pray for all aged care nurses, who give constant care and dignity to our loved ones at the end. May you give them the strength to continue treating those in need. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers for Nola and for all who have gone before us in faith to eternal life. May they share in the fullness of salvation in the kingdom where you are Lord forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Please be seated:

PERSONAL TRIBUTE: Betty Archer

PHOTO PRESENTATION:



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: All Pray: 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.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

AMAZING GRACE

1.
Amazing grace,
how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost, but
now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

3.
The Lord has promised good
to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and
portion be
As long as life endures.

2.
'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
And grace my fears
relieved.
How precious did that
grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

4.
When we've been there ten
thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing
God's praise
Than when we first begun.



Nola's family, wish to sincerely thank everyone who attended these Funeral Prayers today and all who have offered their prayers and loving support in so many ways.

Following this Prayer Service please join the family for light refreshment at Cherry Street Sports Club.

A private cremation will be held.

THOSE WHOM I LOVE AND THOSE WHO LOVE ME

When I am gone, release me, let me go –
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess
how much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
but now it is time I travelled on alone.

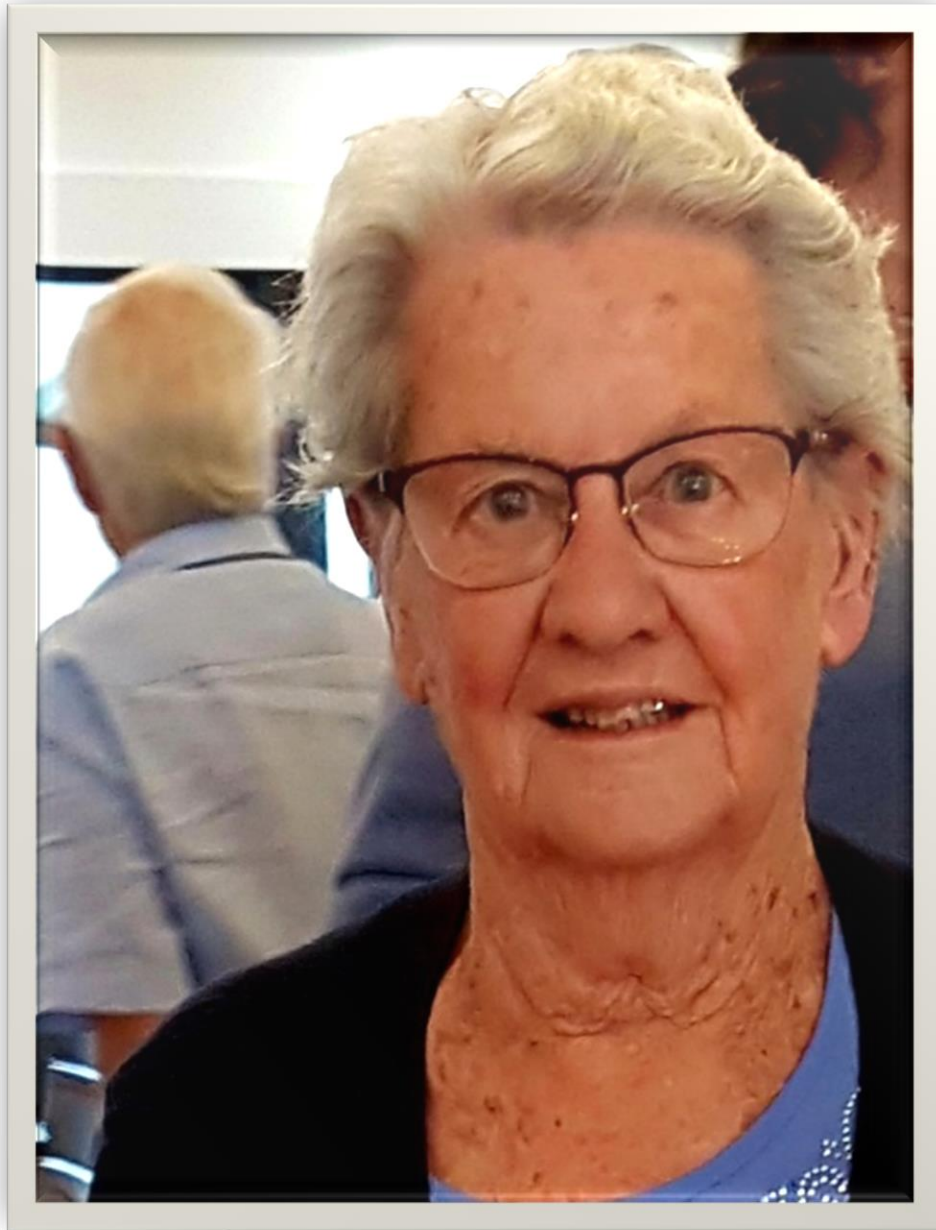
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must-
then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart.

I will not be far away, for life goes on –
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you cannot see or touch me, I will be near,
and if you listen with your heart, you will hear
all of my love around you soft and clear.

Then, when you must come this way alone,
I will greet you with a smile and a

'Welcome Home.'





'Rest in Peace, Nola'

