

A CELEBRATION FOR THE LIFE OF  
*Alexander Maxwell Ritchens*  
*'Lackie'*



AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup> 1930 – FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> 2018

WANGARATTA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CENTRE  
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> 2018 – 10.30AM

CELEBRANT: ROXANNE BODSWORTH

*Entrance Music*

Drover's Cook – Slim Dusty

*Welcome & Introduction*

Roxanne Bodsworth

*Placing of Farrier Tools on the Coffin*

By Jai Lawford and Eli Marcuzzi

*Reading – All My Life A Bushie*

Written by Graeme Cook

For all of eight full decades, it has always felt so good,  
To stride about this countryside, of rocks and dust and wood,

To breathe the air afresh, not tastes the city's grime,  
Amongst the bush and wildlife, a really perfect time.

Throughout my life, my family held, a truly loving bond,  
Though you could never slake my thirsting, for all the great beyond,

I move along a new trek now, and know I'll always miss,  
The touch of folk who loved me, and the joy of Nature's kiss.

*The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, which 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,  
Forever and ever. Amen.

## *Reflection Music*

Remember When – Alan Jackson

## *Eulogy*

Read by David & Karen Ritchens

## *Reading – Remember When*

Read by Kate Marcuzzi

Remember when you always took me to the park?  
We'd take the dogs out for a walk and stay out until almost dark.  
Remember when you'd take to the milk bar in your white panel van?  
You'd even bring my friends along and they thought you were the man.  
Remember when I had sleepover and I'd make strange animal sounds?  
It was my favourite game to play with you as I crawled along the ground.

Remember when you let me be the jockey and you were the horse?

Riding in the sulky was so much fun of course.

Remember when you'd take me rabbiting with you?

Sometimes the ferrets bit me but I loved learning what to do.

Remember when your pocket always had money in it?

You were so generous to us and we thank you every bit.

Remember when all my pets would like you more than me?

I don't blame them though, you were pretty special I'd have to agree.

Remember when you would see Eli? Your face lit up with joy.

He loved you so very much, my dear little boy.

Last of all, remember when you made my childhood the happiest it could be.

I love you Granpa Lackie and I'm sad to see you go.

I know you're in a better place watching over me.

## *Tributes*

By Sally Ritchens

Invitation to others who wish to speak

## *A Life in Pictures*

For The Good Times – Ray Price

## *Recessional Music*

Western Bulldogs Football Club Song



*Lackie's family express their gratitude for your  
love and presence here today.*

*Following the service, Lackie will be laid to rest at  
the Wangaratta Lawn Cemetery.*

*You are all warmly invited to join with the family  
for refreshments in the Memories Room at  
Mason Park.*