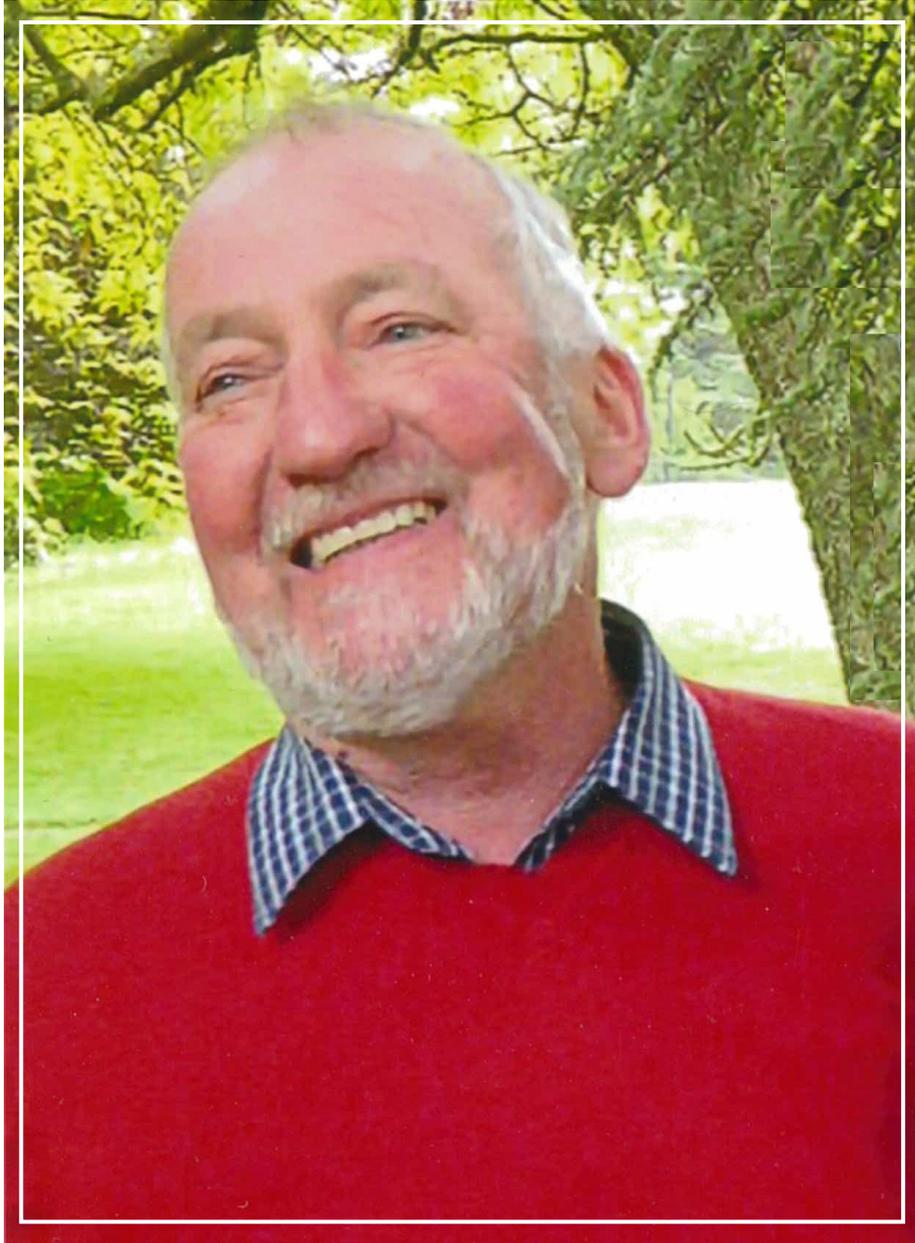


*Prayers of Thanksgiving  
for the life of*

***Marino Greblo***



*25th March, 1951 - 16th August, 2020*

***“Faith is the bird that sings when the dawn is still dark”***

- Rabindranath Tagore



# Bendigo Funeral Centre Chapel

1.30pm Monday 24th August, 2020

Celebrant - Rev. Fr. Andrew Fewings PP



**Entrance Hymn:** Make Me A Channel of Your Peace (*Robert Koschis*)

**Welcome & Greeting:** Fr. Andrew

**PLEASE SIT**

**Eulogy:** Jenni & Ashley Greblo

**Photo Presentation:** What a Wonderful World (*Louis Armstrong*)  
In My Life (*The Beatles*)

## **MARINO'S TRIBUTES**

**Nieces and Nephews – Frank Greblo**

I am reading this on behalf of Marino's nieces and nephews.

Our dearest Uncle Marino, a kind hearted, warm and witty soul with rosy red cheeks! Gentle and wise with a great sense of humour, spreading happiness to those around him just by being himself! You always had a joke ready to lighten things up. So cheeky but very present and interested in our lives. Comfortable to be around, truly a good man. Genuine, loving, quietly awesome and full of fun!

**Swan Hill Boys – Silvano Greblo**

I am reading this on behalf of the Swan Hill Boys.

Every now and then someone comes into your life who you just love being with. You love their company, their sense of humour, their humility, their wisdom. You love every moment of the presence that they have in your life.

And Marino has been this wonderful presence in our lives for over 40 years. The golf course and the "Jingo's Marino" after a bad shot. The social evenings that always finished with our favourite Marino song - 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight'. Only Marino could carry the high notes. It was his song. No, It IS his song!

The "Electric Legs" dance moves, the sausage-making, the joy he took from cooking his friends a meal and the appreciation of a good wine. We are better men for knowing him and that's the truth! He was a man totally without malice, a man of principle, compassion and enormous integrity, with a deep love of family. And to us, he was a very special friend and mentor, whom we loved dearly and will miss immensely.

Phil, Glen, Tim & Col - the old Swan Hill crew



## **Sims Family – John Greblo**

I am reading this on behalf of Barry Sims the Sims brothers.

Marino was all about the three F's, Family, Food and Fun. I think I can speak for the rest of the Sims family, Geoffrey, Brendan and Ken, in saying how much of a family oriented man Marino was. Always willing to entertain family and to show off his other great passion; food. He loved to cook and we loved to eat his cooking.

It was always a highlight of the year to go around to the Greblos' for pre-Christmas nibbles. One would never go hungry. It was like eating at Lygon Street without the bill, with Jenni always the maître d.

His sense of humour was drier than the Sahara Desert, with his no fuss dad jokes. Not only did everyone laugh at him but, most importantly, we laughed with him, although he had a bit of competition from his sidekick Ash.

Farewell Marino. Sadly missed but will never be forgotten.

## **Centrelink – George Greblo**

I am reading this on behalf of Helen Bennett and the Centrelink team.

My friend Marino was known to say "he only took the job at Centrelink until a real job came along". This temporary job lasted 37 years.

So many lasting friendships were made at The Department of Social Security, as it was then known. These friendships lasted well beyond his working life.

From the early eighties in the Swan Hill office, Marino was popular. Julie and Marilyn even followed him to Bendigo. Not just the girls, Trevor came too!

Marino enjoyed an outing. Kevin Lane, Debbie, Marilyn and I spent many afternoons at the Bendigo races, courtesy of Pat Sheehan. Our table was often referred to as the Centrelink table.

Long nights at the Annual Rotary Art Show, Marino, Marg McLean, Jacinta, Deb, Marilyn and our partners were often the last to leave – wine was included in the ticket price!

Afternoons on the Shamrock balcony, another regular meeting spot, catching up with Ian Harvey, Andrea Robins and John Harrington.

Trips to Melbourne to see live shows, comedy and theatre (Guess who the star attraction was – Marino was very proud of Ashley) Kevin and Sue Lane, Alison and John Perkins and the Bennetts.

Marino attracted people, he was easy to know and easy to love. I loved being his friend, loved picking grapes with him at Sandhurst Ridge, sharing recipes, music and wine.

We will all miss you, my dear friend.



## Golfers – Kevin Lane

Marino loved his golf, being a member at Neangar Park Golf Club for many years. He loved the social side of golf, having a beer, sharing a joke with his mates after the game. Paul Straughen, Andy Lane, Dave McCann, John Rowe, Wayne Harris, Peter Mundy, Peter Methven and myself.

When Marino first took ill and was finding it hard to walk around the golf course, these guys decided to take turns at sharing a golf cart with him just to ensure Marino could still play the game he loved and share a beer afterwards.

Marino may not have been the best golfer but he always wanted to get his name on a Winners Board in the Club House. But to do that you had to win a gold letter event.

Well, dreams do come true! In 2014, he did win a gold letter event – a pairs event – achieving his wish to have his name etched into history on a trophy that remains on display over the fireplace in the club house for all to see.

## Greblo In-Laws – Maria Greblo

Marino's in-laws were among his biggest fans and are very sad they can't be here. They would like to express their thoughts and memories in celebration of his life with us.

Kellie will cherish Marino always ~ all the wonderful memories and adventures we shared, especially our squirrel chasing in London.

Melanie feels blessed to have known Marino, a caring soul with a wonderful openness to try new things (especially in the kitchen) and fill every situation with love and laughter.

Angela remembers Marino's warm and kind nature. He always had a smile to make you feel welcome.

Karen is thankful for so many beautiful memories of Marino lighting up every occasion with his warmth and humour. Whenever I hear certain Aussie expressions that he used, I will think of him and smile.

Rowan will always be grateful for the very kind way Marino welcomed him into the family more than 30 years ago. A very special person of great integrity and compassion, a love for life, his family and his Italian heritage. Rest in Peace Mate.

Rodney celebrates a 50 year friendship with Marino. Cherished memories of fishing adventures together.

Connie reflects that family gatherings at the vineyard and elsewhere will not be the same without Marino, his infectious laughter, jokes, cheeky comments and great sense of humour. We'll remember, too his great integrity and compassion for others. All of us will enormously miss Marino, the best brother-in-law anyone could wish for.



## CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

### *Lighting of Paschal Candle - Paul Greblo*

Fr. Andrew: In Baptism, Marino received the light of Christ, it has guided him through his life.

**All: May this light now lead him into Eternal Life.**

### *Sprinkling with Holy Water - Fr. Andrew*

Fr. Andrew: In the waters of Baptism, Marino died with Christ and rose with Him into Eternal Life.

**All: May he now share Eternal Life with Him in Glory.**

### *Placing of White Pall - Giuliana Talbot & Maria Greblo*

Fr. Andrew: On the day of his Baptism, Marino was clothed in Christ and given a Christian dignity forever.

**All: May Christ now enfold him in His love and bring him into Eternal Life.**

PLEASE STAND

### Collect (Opening Prayer): Fr. Andrew

Let us Pray,

Into Your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brother Marino. In this life You embraced him with Your tender love, deliver him now from every evil and bid him enter eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome him then into Paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with Your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

PLEASE SIT



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** *Read by Paul Greblo*

A reading from the book of Revelation 14:13

**Happy are those who die in the Lord!**

I, John, heard a voice from Heaven say to me, 'Write down: Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest forever after their work, since their good deeds go with them.'

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Song:**

Meet Me In The Middle of The Air

*(Paul Kelly & The Stormwater Boys)*

**Second Reading:** *Read by Giuliana Talbot*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8,18

**I have fought the good fight to the end.**

My life is already being poured away as a libation, 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 Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me and bring me safely to His Heavenly Kingdom. To Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**PLEASE STAND**

**Gospel Acclamation** *(all say together)*

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Happy are those who die in the Lord, let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them.**

**Alleluia!**



**Gospel** (*Matthew 5:13-16*) *Fr. Andrew*

Fr. Andrew: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your Spirit.**

Fr. Andrew: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**All: Glory to you O Lord.**

**You are the light of the world.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in Heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PLEASE SIT**

**Homily:** *Fr. Andrew*

**STAND**

**Prayers of the Faithful:** *Read by Frank Greblo*

***Introduction:*** *Fr. Andrew*

Dear friends, we come together to celebrate the gift of Marino's life and to share the story of this gentle, life loving man. We pray he rests well, consoled by the love outpoured for him. We pray he rests easy, knowing he has done a wonderful job as a father and husband. Each person is shaped by their interaction with others and we give thanks for the difference Marino has made to your life.

Marino helped us appreciate that it is not all about the golf score, instead it's about the laughs and joy along the fairways. May we live each day to the full. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**



We pray for Marino's family and friends. May they find consolation in the sharing of stories and the knowledge that Marino was well-loved.

May their lives be sustained by the guiding presence Marino has been and will continue to be, in their lives.

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Marino liked nothing more than to gather people around a table to share a meal. May we reach out to others in hospitality, sharing the blessings we have with those in need.

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who work in health care, especially all the doctors, nurses and hospital staff at St. John of God, Bendigo Health and Palliative Care. We give thanks for the times when they have made a tough journey easier, with their care, laughter, banter and wise advice. Bless them as they bring comfort and dignity to those in their care.

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our loved ones who would be reunited with Marino in Heaven, especially Theo and Lina, Mario, Georgina and Tatu, Veronica and Fred. We pray for all those who grieve especially during this pandemic.

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Marino loved his garden, fishing with his brothers, walking on the beach, and in general, communing with nature. We pray for our home on earth. May we lead more sustainable, mindful lives.

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Fr. Andrew:*

Heavenly Father listen to our prayers both spoken and unspoken and welcome Marino into everlasting shelter and peace.

**All: Amen.**

**Reflection Song:** Bring Him Home (*Josh Groban*)



PLEASE STAND

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Invitation to Prayer: *Fr. Andrew*

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother Marino. May our farewell express our affection for him, may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Song of Farewell:

*Fr. Andrew:* Saints of God, come to his aid, hasten to meet him,  
Angels of the Lord.

**All:** Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

*Fr. Andrew:* May Christ who called you take you to Himself;  
May Angels lead you to Abraham's side.

**All:** Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

*Fr. Andrew:* Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light  
shine upon him.

**All:** Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Prayer of Commendation: *Fr. Andrew*

You are the author and sustainer of our lives, O God. You are our Final Home. We commend to You our brother Marino. In baptism he began his journey toward You. Take him now to Yourself and give him the life promised to those born again of water and the Spirit. Turn also to us who have suffered this loss. Strengthen the bonds of this family and our community. Confirm us in faith, in hope, and in love, so that we may bear Your peace to one another and one day stand together with all the saints who praise You for Your saving help.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

Recessional Song: He Ain't Heavy He's My Brother (*The Hollies*)



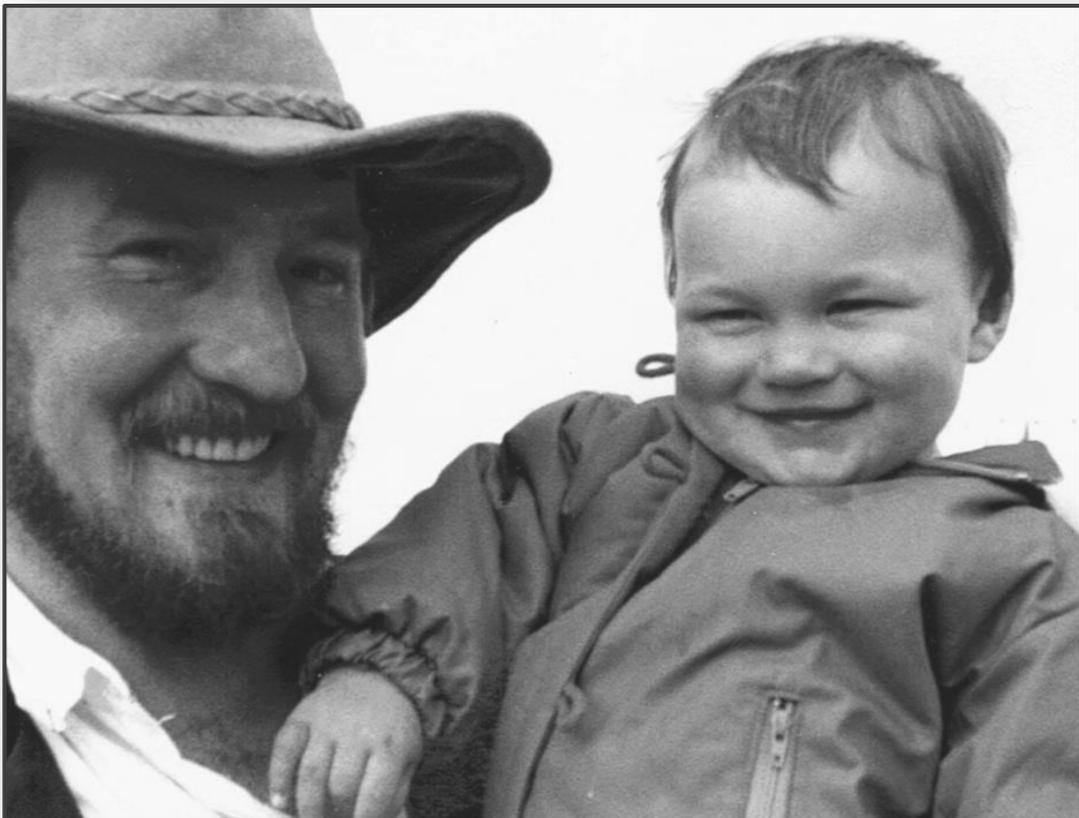
## THANK YOU

*To all those who faithfully kept Marino in their prayers over the last two years.  
To all who supported the family in many acts of kind service.*

*To Marino's doctors, Gavin and Rob, for their medical care.  
To the staff at St. John of God Oncology; Claire, Jacquie and Kahlia.  
To the staff at Palliative Care; Cathy, Charlotte, Kye and Lucy.  
Our deepest gratitude.*

*To our Celebrant - Fr. Andrew Fewings.*

*To Simon and Team at Bendigo Funerals.*





*At the conclusion of the Service the funeral cortege will leave for the  
Bendigo Lawn Cemetery.*



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