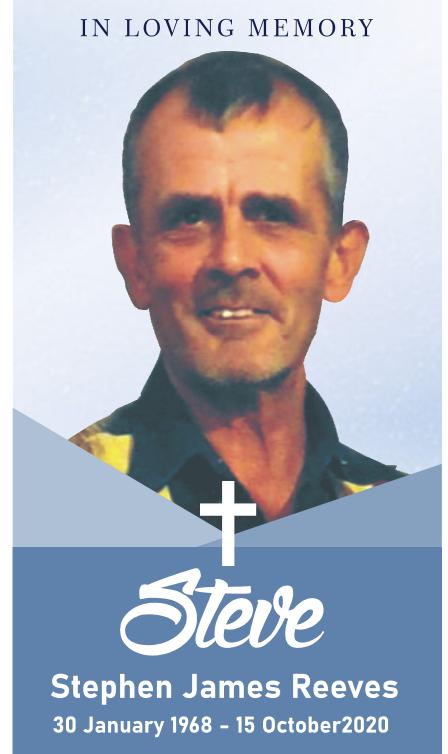




Rosalyn, Alex and their extended family thank you for your support, prayers and the presence of those who were able to be here today and invites you to join them for refreshments at the Milawa Hotel following the burial.

Your signing of the Memorial Register would be greatly appreciated.





The Funeral Service for Stephen

St Paul's Church, Milawa, Tuesday 27th October 2020 at 11am

Entrance Music

Hallejuh (Jeff Buckley) & Used To You (Luke Combs)

Welcome

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

We have come together to thank God for the life of Stephen to mourn and honour him, to lay to rest his mortal body, and 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.

Readings from the Scriptures

Prayer

All: 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 our grief give way to joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 23

All: The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall make me lie down in green pastures: and lead me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul: and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil:

your rod and your staff comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Readings from the Scriptures

Eulogies

Homily - Visual Presentation

Tranksgiving

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 Stephen.

Above all, we thank you for your gracious promise to your servants, living and departed, that we shall be made one again in our Lord Jesus Christ *All: Amen*.

Gracious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we thank you that you receive Stephen by baptism into the family of your Church on earth, and granted him the gift of eternal life.

He ate with us the bread of life and drank from the cup of salvation. We thank you for your goodness to Stephen, in Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our brother Stephen by water and the spirit.

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.

All: Amen

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

All: Holy and loving Father, by your mighty power you gave us life, and in your love you have given us new life in Jesus Christ.

We entrust Stephen 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.

Recessional Music

Drink A Beer - Luke Brown

Steve STEPHEN JAMES REEVES

30 January 1968 -15 October 2020



