

A message from Graham

When assessed with terminal cancer Wendy's concern was not for self. It was for others. She pondered on the impact of her potential passing and what it would mean to them. In particular, she has significant concern for Emma (7 years this month), Joshua (4 years old) and Samuel a.k.a. "destructor man" aged 2 years. At the beginning, Samuel was 3 months only, we did not think Wendy would make Emma's 5th birthday, and Joshua was as Samuel is today. Wendy's instincts as Mummy were grieved when she thought of the children growing up without her; thought of their lives when they scratched their knees, needed a nose blown or tear wiped; birthday parties where she would not be; "show and tell" where they wanted to take their special item and she would not know what it was, or "small things" like making valentine's cakes for Emma's school class, plaiting Emma's hair or making a pretty dress for her daughter. For Wendy, the flowers of physical life are gone. Yet something more than withering beauty expressed by the many flowers Wendy loved to have around her exists in the education of those whose smile reflects her smile. Should people feel it appropriate, a contribution in lieu of flowers to the children's education fund is suggested. Details are:

The Australian Scholarships Group, Level 3, Tower Building, 47 Neridah Street, Chatswood NSW. 2067, Attention: Annette Exton for the Boyd family. Contact number for Annette is 02 8440 6666, email is annette@edusave.com.au.

Or bank account details for Emma, Joshua and Samuel's Education Trust: Account name: Graham Boyd in trust for Emma, Joshua and Samuel Boyd. BSB No. 062 229 Account Number 10074571, Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

In addition, if an e-mail address is provided, details of the children "at school" will be summarised as their own years unfold.

Wendy has been welcomed home into our Father's Love — she has, as many who are left behind have, a peace of God that defies understanding. Wendy lived and loved the Turrumurra Uniting Church as a home. This welcoming church was special to her, it was her home. This welcoming church has three Sunday services at the main center, further services at St Andrews, and a raft of prayer and fellowship groups. Please feel free to visit and meet members like Wendy who comprise God's household.

Today, Wendy would want to say, "Welcome Home".

A service in loving memory of Wendy Leigh Boyd



*...let your light shine before all people, that they
may see your good deeds and praise your Father
in heaven. Matthew 5:16*

Welcome Home

Greeting and opening remarks (Rev. Steve Everist)

Song of celebration — *Consider Christ*

Prayer with 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
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory
For ever and ever. Amen

Readings Psalm 23 (Rev. Barbara Bailey)
1 Corinthians 13 (Christine Parker)

Eulogy (Alistair Carwardine)

Tribute song — *Let your fire flow through me!*

Father
Wash my soul
Cleanse my heart
This child you love is coming home

I'll cross the river
Your cross I'll need
To seek your holy fire that changes me

Let your fire flow through me
Burning through - my doubts and fears
As your fire - remakes me
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Silent reflection and response

Song — *What the Lord has done in me*

Final prayers

Committal (Rev. Ev Blackman)

Song — *The Power of your Love*

Benediction

Leaving

Graham and the family wish to thank you not only for your support today but also for your friendship and prayers over these years. It is their hope that somewhere in all our sadness the Spirit of God has lovingly touched your life.

Memory book. We are collecting memories of Wendy to collate and bind as a gift for Emma, Joshua and Samuel. Please email your reflections to debeverist@swiftdsl.com.au.