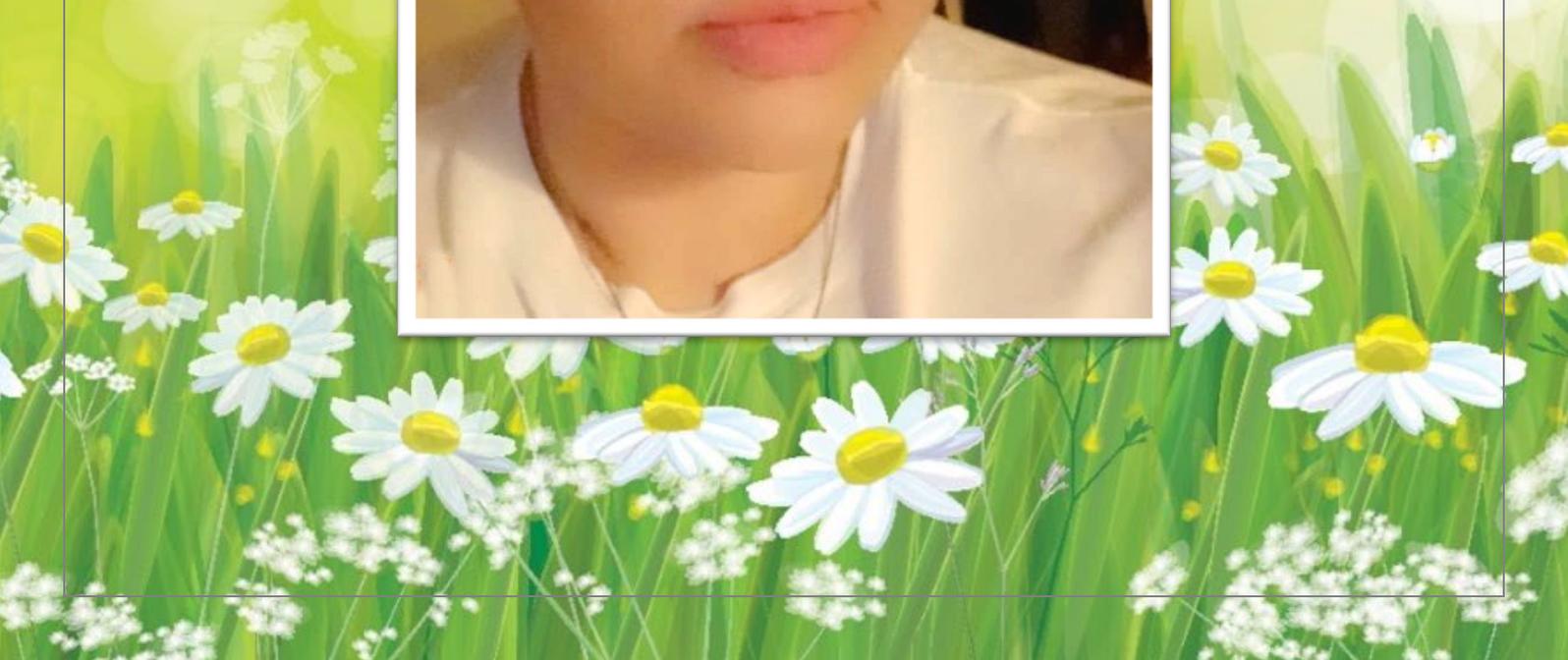
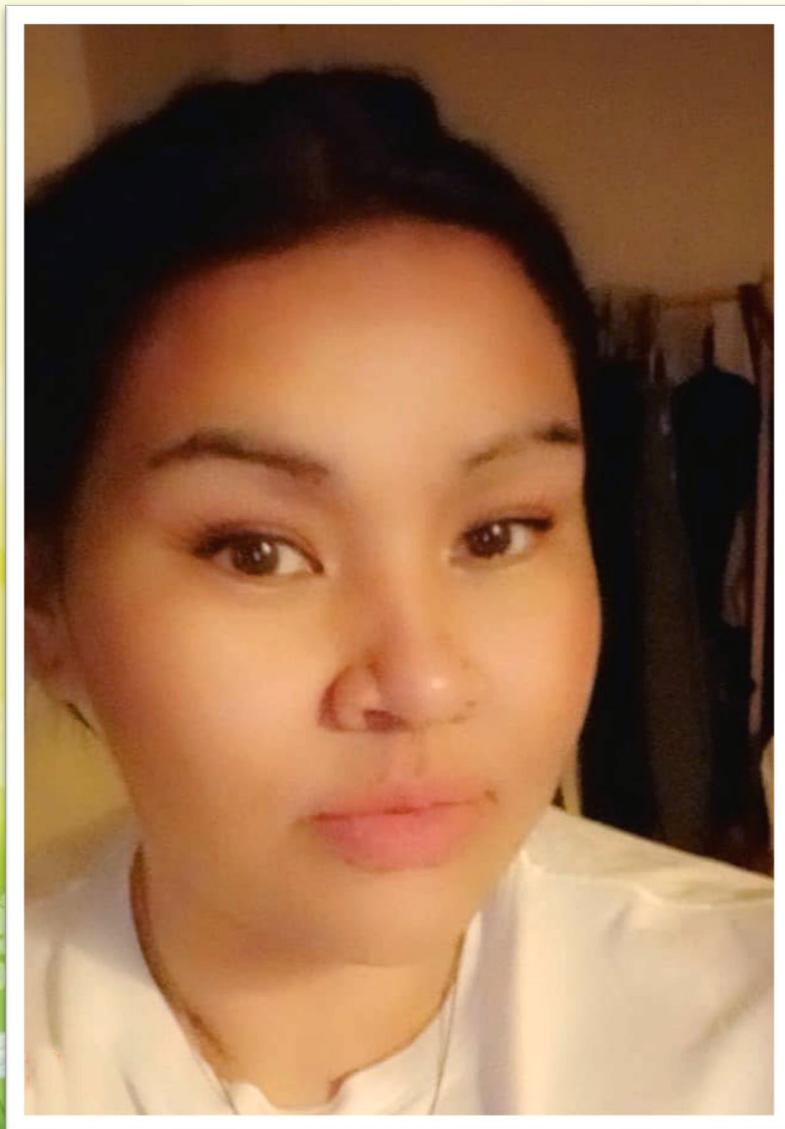
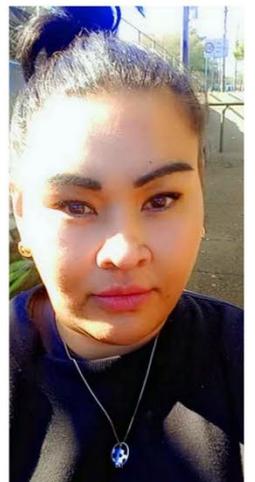


Geraldine Caroline Sili
'Deda'

16 APRIL 1991 - 10 SEPTEMBER 2024





ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, YASS
FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER, 2024 AT 1.00PM
FR PETER MY OFFICIATING

Beloved daughter of Sosefo Sili (dec) and Suzanne Merritt

Loving mother of Leilani, Latailatu and Mattilda

*Baby sister to Sepi, Chris, Carmen, Quinn,
Paulina and Ahofitu*

Cherished aunty to all her nieces and nephews



ENTRANCE SONG:

Always Remember Us This Way – Lady Gaga

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Fr Peter: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE:

Bradley Mapiva, Paulina Sili and Leilani Sili

REFLECTION: *Jealous of the Angels - Donna Taggart*

OPENING PRAYER

We are here to pray for Geraldine, who is now with God.

We pray for ourselves in this sad time, that God gives us strength and consolation.

God our father, we believe that you raised Jesus from the dead.

We also believe that Jesus promised us all eternal life.

Welcome Geraldine into your heavenly kingdom and give her eternal peace.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others, if we live, we live for the Lord. And if we die, we die for the Lord. So alive or dead we belong to the Lord.

This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord, both of the dead and the living.

The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 23

Response: *The Lord Is My Shepherd; there Is Nothing I Shall Want.*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

Response

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

Response

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Response

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Response

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

This is the will of my father, says the Lord, that all who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them up on the last day.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-6

Fr Peter: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

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 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

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

HOMILY: *Fr Peter*

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: *Read by Fr Peter*

God, the Almighty Father raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead.

For Geraldine, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she may now be admitted to the company of our Lord. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Peter: God, our shelter and strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people. Hear the prayer we offer for our departed brothers and sisters, especially for Geraldine. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FINAL COMMENDATION

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

The coffin is sprinkled with baptismal water & incensed in memory of the fact that in life the body was the temple of the Holy Spirit.

SONG OF FAREWELL

Fr Peter: 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.

Fr Peter: 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.

Fr Peter: 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.

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Geraldine, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with him on the last day.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our sister forever.

All: Amen

RECESSIONAL MUSIC
Amazing Grace – Judy Collins

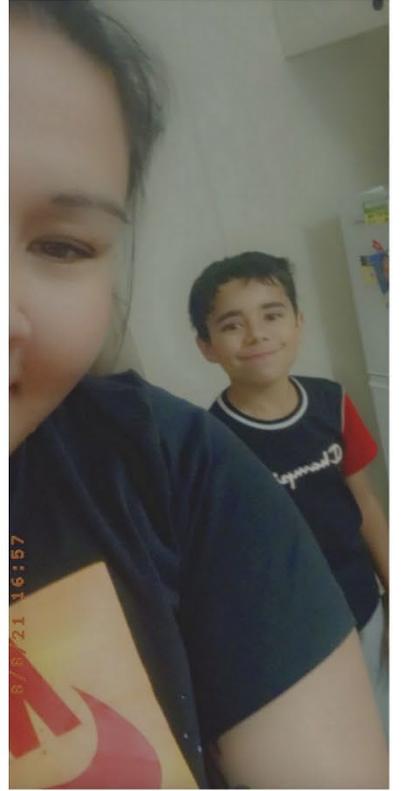
THE PALLBEARERS MAY NOW COME FORWARD
AND ESCORT DEDA FROM THE CHURCH



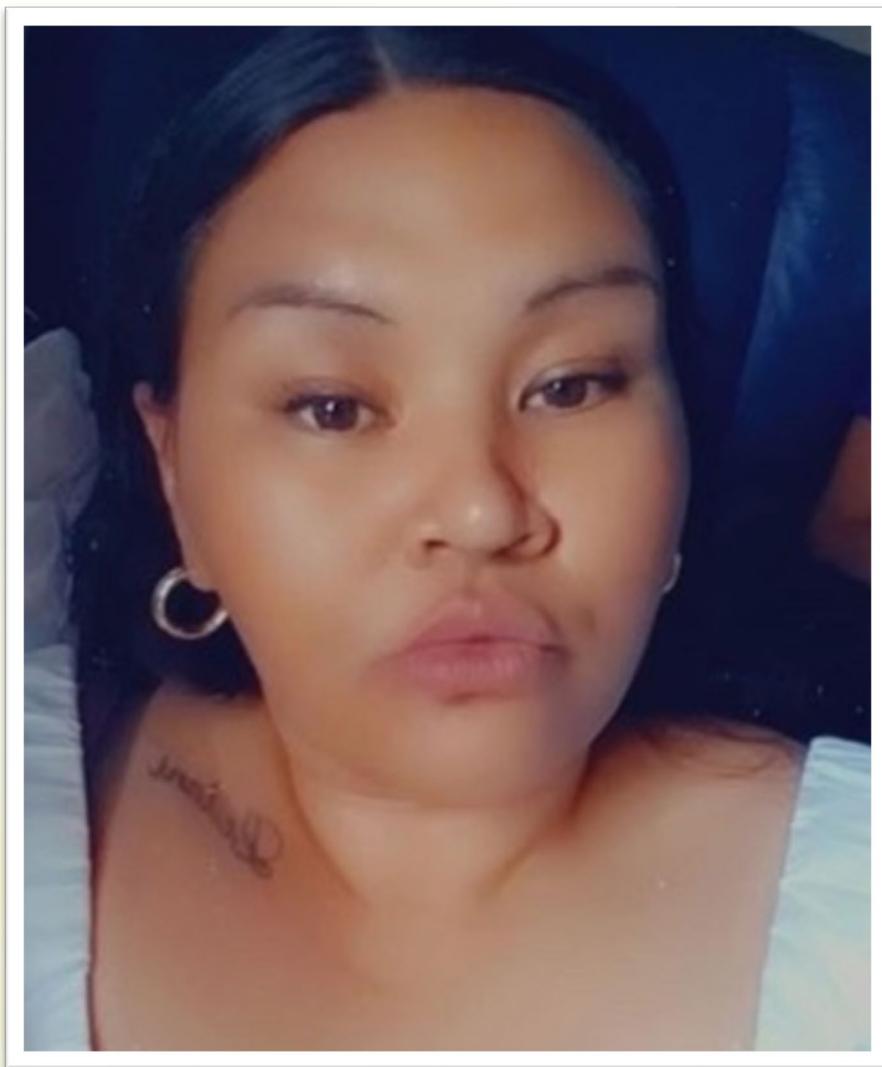
Ahofitu, Adam, William, Francis, Sosefo and Tevita

The service will continue at the Yass Lawn Cemetery









Thank You

Deda's family would like to thank everyone for the kind messages, thoughts and prayers conveyed to them.



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THE CLUBHOUSE HOTEL, YASS FOR LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.