



New South Wales

State Funeral

John William Raper MBE

12 April 1939 – 9 February 2022

Monday 28 February 2022
at 10:30am
Sydney Cricket Ground
Sydney





Order of Service

The Mass is celebrated by
The Most Reverend Daniel Meagher DD VG

Procession

Pallbearers

Brothers of John

Gerard Raper, Peter Raper, Michael Raper
Paul Raper, Maurie Raper, Ronnie Raper

Grandsons of John

Jake Raper, Kai Raper, Alex Raper

Hymn

'Here I am Lord'

Sung by Monica Oriel

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.*

*I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

Here I am Lord,

Is it I, Lord?

*I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am Lord,
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

Welcome

Most Reverend Daniel Meagher DD VG

Acknowledgment of Country

Tyrell Sloan
St George Illawarra Dragons

Eulogy

Stuart Raper
Son of John

Opening Prayer

Bishop Danny

Reading

Maddy Raper
Granddaughter of John

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy 4.6-11

*I have fought the good fight to the end.
As for me, my life is already being poured away
as an offering, and the time has come for me to depart.
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 for me now
is the crown of uprightness which the Lord,
the upright judge, will give to me on that Day;
and not only to me but to all those who have
longed for his appearing.
The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm

'The Lord is My Shepherd'
Sung by Monica Oriel

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*Yeah, though I walk through valley of shadow of death,
I will fear no evil.*

*Yeah, though I walk through valley of shadow of death,
I will fear no evil.*

*For you are with me,
You will comfort me.
For you are with me,
You will comfort me.*

*Surely goodness and mercy
Shall follow me all the days of my life.
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever and ever,
Forever, forever.*

Gospel

John 14.1-6

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Jake Raper
Grandson of John

*May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind be always at your back,
may the sun shine warm on your face,
the rain falls softly on your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Lord hear us

All: Lord hear our prayer

Alex Raper
Grandson of John

*Loving God, we pray for those who suffer from dementia.
Look with mercy upon their distress, confusion or isolation
and help others to understand with compassion and love.*

Lord hear us

All: Lord hear our prayer

Thomas Raper
Grandson of John

*God is our refuge and strength and an ever-present help in
trouble. We pray for people who feel isolated and alone.*

Lord hear us

All: Lord hear our prayer

Max Raper
Grandson of John

We pray for the compassionate staff who nursed and cared for Chook at Garrawarra and who guided us through difficult times. May God richly bless their works of service.

Lord hear us

All: Lord hear our prayer

Sioni Raper
Granddaughter of John

We pray for Toots whose dedication to Chook over the years showed her neverending love for him. May she take comfort in knowing how much her family and friends love and care about her.

Lord hear us

All: Lord hear our prayer

Kai Raper
Grandson of John

We pray for all Chook's family, his children and grandchildren, that we remain strong as a family and continue to care and love each other.

Lord hear us

All: Lord hear our prayer

Maddy Raper
Granddaughter of John

For the rugby league community, may they continue to inspire future generations to achieve sporting excellence.

Lord hear us

All: Lord hear our prayer

Tribute

The Honourable John Howard OM AC
Former Prime Minister of Australia

Tribute

Kurt Raper
Son of John

Tribute

Aaron Raper
Son of John

Tribute

Gerard Raper
Brother of John

Tribute

Caryl Raper
Wife of John

Reflection Tribute

'My Way'
Recording by Frank Sinatra

Final Commendation

Final Prayer

Procession

Accompanied by a Guard of Honour formed by the St George Illawarra Dragons NRL playing squad and former players and teammates

'When the Saints go marching in' (Orchestral Version)
Produced and arranged by: Tauese Tofa

'When the Saints go marching in' (Brass Band Version)
Producer: Tauese Tofa
Arranger: Simon Ghali, Tauese Tofa, Hot Potato

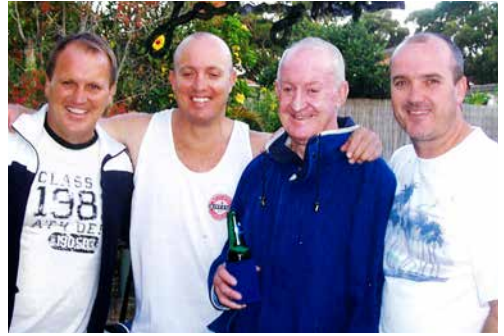
John's family would like to extend their grateful thanks to everyone for their prayers, expressions of sympathy, thoughtfulness and friendship during their sadness

To all those who loved John in life, thank you for your presence here today

To offer condolences, visit the online condolence book at nsw.gov.au/state-services
Condolences will be printed and presented to the Raper family

At the conclusion of today's service, please remain in your seat until directed by an usher





Best Wishes
Johnny Raper



