

Maria Sophia Clouten

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Opening Music - Amazing Grace

Welcome

Chaplain Glen Scott

Poem - She Is Gone

Read by Jody Clouten

You can shed tears because they are gone...

or you can smile because they lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that they will come back...

or you can open your eyes and see all that they have left for you.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see them...

or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday

or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember only that they are gone...

or you can cherish their memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, and feel empty

or you can do what they would want:

Smile, open your heart, love and go on.

Poem - *An Angel*

Read by Rhonda Clouten

An angel lived among us,
A gift from God above.
She showered us with kindness
And shared with us her love.
She cherished every moment
With the man who was her life:
Walking hand in hand together,
Facing life with all its strife.
She loved her children dearly,
Each one a different way,
Nestled close within her heart,
Though now she's far away.
She's gone to live with Jesus,
But, she's here with us today,
Smiling down on every one of us,
And telling us she's OK.



Poem – Nanna Maria

A wife, a mother, a Nanna too...

This is the legacy we have from you.

You taught us how to love and fight,

You gave us strength, you gave us might.

A stronger person would be hard to find,

And in your heart, you were always kind.

You fought for us all in one way or another

Not just as a Nanna, not just as a mother.

For all of us you gave your best,

And now the time has come for you to rest.

So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,

Your love in our hearts we'll eternally keep.

We love you Nanna Maria, and we will see you again in heaven one day.

Love Shenoa, Kane, Zara and Joel.

Poem – God's Garden

Read by Sandra Morgan

God looked around His garden, and found an empty place
He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.

He knew you were suffering, He knew you were in pain,

He knew you would not go well, when a cure was not to be.

So he wrapped His arms around you - and whispered, "Come to Me".

You didn't deserve what you went through - so God gave you rest.

God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone

For part of us went with you.

Scripture Sentences and Prayers

Tribute to Maria

Photo Tribute - 'Don't Cry For Me'

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD
Forever.

Closing Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed by 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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the Glory
Forever and ever.
Amen

Words of Committal

Final Benediction

Closing Music – Ave Maria

We sincerely thank everyone for joining us here today. Your comfort and support during this time has been appreciated.

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