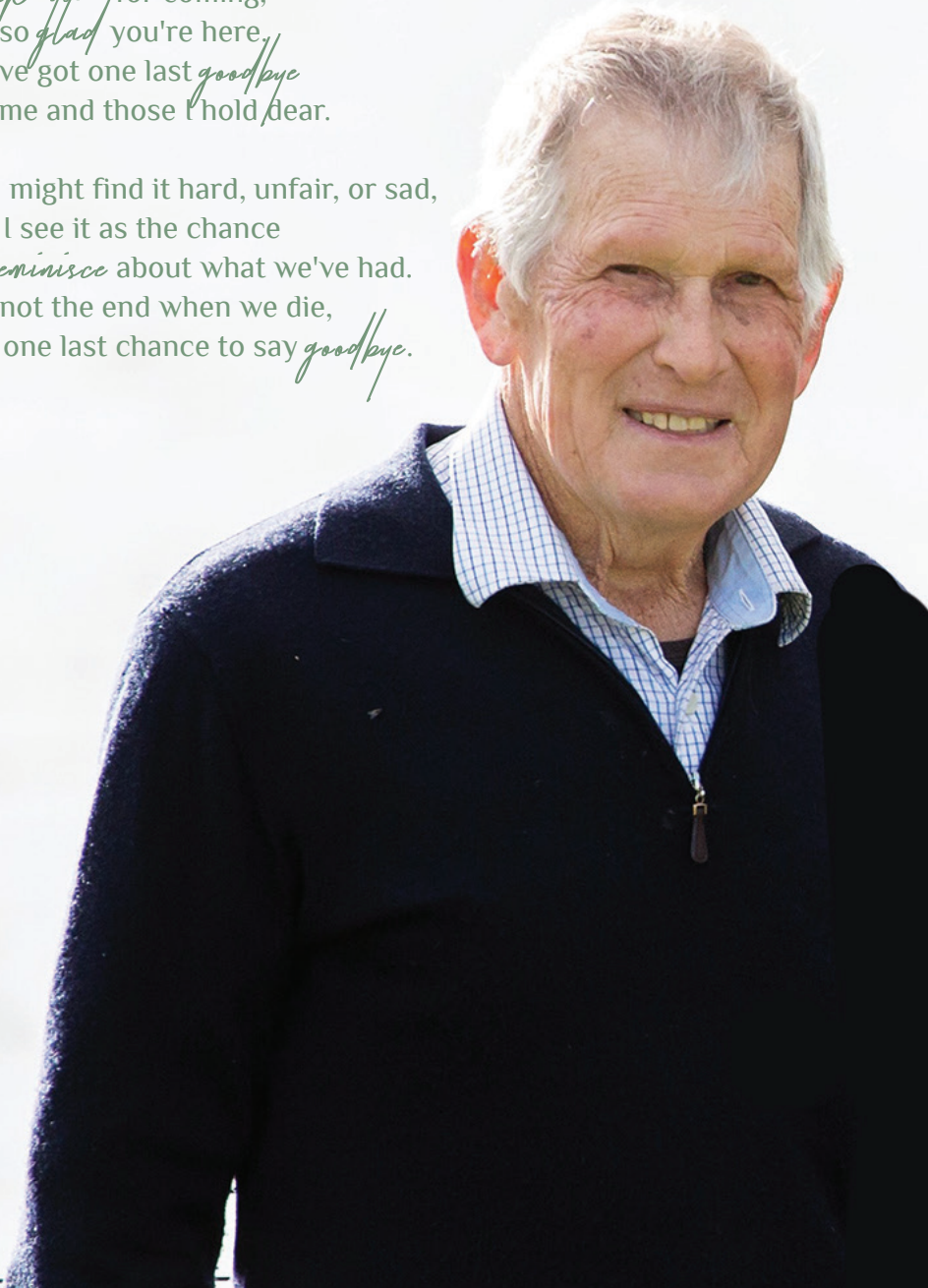


One Last *Goodbye*
By Michele Meleen

Thank you for coming,
I'm so *glad* you're here,
We've got one last *goodbye*
for me and those I hold dear.

You might find it hard, unfair, or sad,
but I see it as the chance
to *reminisce* about what we've had.
It's not the end when we die,
but one last chance to say *goodbye*.



In Loving

Memory

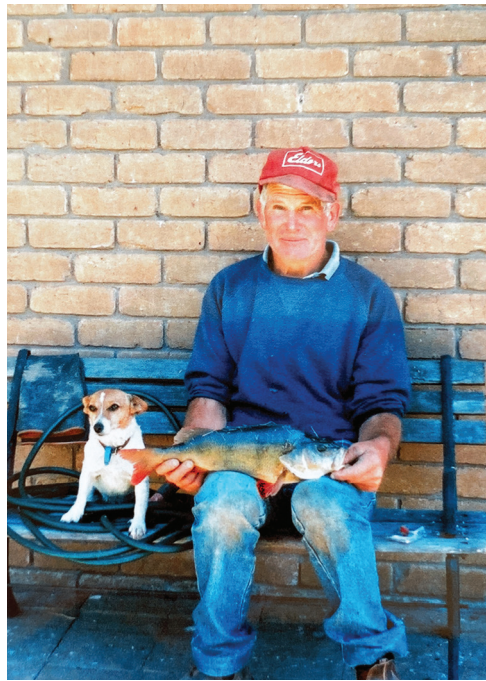
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ROGER
PHILIP BURGER

February 8, 1947 ~ December 31, 2020

Friday January 8, 2021 at 10.00am
Sterling Place
Dunkeld Community Centre





Coffin Bearers: Todd Burger, Scott Burger, John Manolas,
Bill Funk, Andrew Macgugan, Simon Jury

Organist: Heather Macgugan

Officiating Minister: Colin Huf

The family of Roger thank you sincerely for your attendance today and expressions of sympathy and comfort and invite you to return to the hall for light refreshments.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, remember us, help us to pray the prayer you have taught us.

C: **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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord give you comfort and peace; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit †, be with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Christ has risen.
He has risen indeed.

Go in the peace of the Lord.
Amen

INVOCATION

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

HYMN: *The Lord's My Shepherd*

(Tune: Crimond)

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green, he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
2. My soul he doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.
4. My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

Scottish Psalter" 1650

REMINDER OF BAPTISM

P: As we come here in our grief to farewell Roger, St Paul comforts us with these words: "Don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection." (Romans 6:3-5)

THE OBITUARY

P: Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, has destroyed death and brings immortal life through the gospel. Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done through Roger.

Roger was born to Ursula and Les Burger in Hamilton on the 8th February 1947. At this time the family lived on a farm near Peshurst and he was baptised at Tabor on the 9th March 1947. He had an older sister Julie and a younger brother Tim.

He started primary school at "Burnbrae" school. In 1954 Les bought the property "Mirridong" halfway between Dunkeld and Glenthompson. The family moved there and Roger then attended Glenthompson Primary School. They attended the Willaura church from then and Roger was confirmed there in 1961.

He grew up helping his father on the farm enjoying many outdoor activities including bird nesting (egg collecting), rabbiting, fishing and shooting. His secondary education started at Hamilton High School. He then moved to the Tech School before going away in 1963 to Longerenong Agricultural College for two years. He made lifelong friends while at Longerenong and had fond memories from this time. One of these summer holidays his father gifted him a Berretta shotgun which he used for hunting for the rest of his life.

He returned home to help run the farm in 1965. However, soon after Les and Ursula both fell ill, Les with failing kidneys and Ursula with a brain aneurism. Les never recovered and died in 1966 leaving 19 year old Roger with a gravely ill mother and a farm to manage. It was a difficult time for the family but Ursula made a full recovery and Roger worked very hard to successfully run the farm.

In 1970 one of his Longerenong friends introduced him to Mary Scullion. They immediately hit it off and within 9 months were engaged. Nine months later they were married at Hamilton on the 5th February 1972.

Roger and Mary had three children. Todd Charles born on the 17th March 1975, Scott Philip on the 24th February 1978 and Christina Maree on the 13th January 1980.

Roger continued running the farm and became very interested in planting trees and maintaining wetlands on “Mirridong”. The latter complemented his fondness of duck hunting and fishing. Tree planting became a job on the annual calendar for the whole family along with lamb marking.

Except for the remnant Redgums, the trees on “Mirridong” are a legacy of Roger’s, as are the wetlands.

In the mid 1980’s Mary and Roger went on a wool tour to Hong Kong. This was the first time they had been overseas. They enjoyed it so much it kicked off a tradition of going overseas nearly every second year from then on. They took the kids to Fiji and Malaysia and later toured different parts of Western and Eastern Europe. They also visited India, China, Turkey, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Burma and Borneo at different times.

1992 was a difficult year for the family with the sudden death of Roger’s brother Tim. This had a big effect on Roger and from this point on he made more time for leisure and family. He also purchased a property at Glenthompson which he called “The East” around the same time.

In 2005 his first grandchild was born – Trinity - to Scott and his wife Alleena. Ebony was born a couple years later. Todd and his wife Carol have three children, Sam, Penny and Heidi. Christina and her husband John have two – James and Athena. Roger who was now known as “Pop” enjoyed his time with his grandchildren immensely.

AT THE GRAVESIDE

(PLEASE BRING THIS ORDER WITH YOU)

GREETING

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: Amen.

Friends in Christ: Our heavenly Father has taken our brother Roger Philip Burger from this life. Today we remember Roger and we give thanks to God for what He has given to us through him.

WORDS OF COMFORT

St. Paul says: These bodies will die, but the bodies that are raised will live for ever. As surely as there are physical bodies, there are spiritual bodies. The bodies we now have are weak and die. But they will be changed into bodies that are eternal. Then the Scriptures will come true, ‘Death has lost the battle! Where is its victory? Where is its sting? But thank God for letting our Lord Jesus Christ give us the victory!

COMMITTAL

(The coffin is lowered into the grave.)

Since Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in his gracious wisdom has called our brother Roger Philip Burger from this life, we commit his body to its final resting place: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. Dust we are and to dust we shall return. But we know that as Christ was the first to rise from the dead, he will raise up our mortal bodies to be like his in glory. We commend Roger to the Lord †, trusting in his infinite mercy. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

C: Amen.

PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord God, whose days are without end and whose mercies are beyond counting: Remind us that life is short and the hour of death unknown. Let your Holy Spirit guide our days on earth, so that by your grace we may serve you in the fellowship of your family, the Church. Keep us sure in faith, strong in hope, active in love, and ready for Christ’s return. And when our earthly journey is ended, lead us rejoicing into your kingdom, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Be with us in our journey through life and teach us to live wisely, making the most of our time here on earth. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

As we are pilgrims and strangers on earth, prepare us for the world to come. And when our last hour comes, support us by your power, and take us to your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

HYMN: *What a Friend*

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge!
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Joseph Scriven (1820-1886)

BLESSING AND RECESSION

P: In the sure hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come, we take the body of our brother in Christ to its last resting place. Let us go in peace.

In the name of the Lord. **Amen**

He was very fortunate to have spent time with his grandchildren because in 2005 he was diagnosed with incurable prostate cancer. He battled with this disease for the rest of his life but while being given a short timeline on more than one occasion, each treatment he received was effective, including an experimental radiation treatment.

He continued to work on the farm with his son Todd for the next 15 years. He was very proud of Scott and Alleena and the life they made for themselves in Barham NSW, as he was also of Christina and John who set themselves up in Sydney and then moved to Dunkeld to raise their children and be closer to Pop.

As he got older, Roger's mobility started to decline and he did less and less fishing. He continued to pursue his hunting interests, and his overseas trips with Mary. The overseas trips culminated in their 2019 family trip for a white Christmas to Finland with all his children and grandchildren.

Towards the end of 2020 Roger's health was again deteriorating, and he was unable to have any further treatments as his kidneys were failing. He died in Hamilton on New Years Eve 2020.

REFLECTIONS OF ROGER'S LIFE

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER

P: Let us pray, Heavenly Father, comfort us in our time of mourning, for you are the only source of true comfort, and in your love you long to comfort us. Care for us in all our grief and remind us that you are always near. And as you raised your dear Son from the grave, keep us always faithful to him, so that not even death itself will snatch us out of your hand or separate us from your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

READINGS:

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Ecclesiastes: 3:1-4

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

- ²a time to be born and a time to die,
- a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- ³a time to kill and a time to heal,
- a time to tear down and a time to build,
- ⁴a time to weep and a time to laugh,
- a time to mourn and a time to dance,

Matthew 11: 28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to you God

ADDRESS:

“That’s how God planned Life.”
All three Bible Readings

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: *Amazing Grace*

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| 1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see. | 3. Through many dangers, toil, and snares
I have already come:
’tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home. |
| 2. ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed! | 4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his Word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures. |

John Newton 1725-1807

PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, our Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we thank you for Roger and for what we have received from him. Sustain us in life and death, and let your everlasting light shine on us and all your faithful people.

Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

Be with those who mourn, comfort them in their grief, and wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Remember Roger’s family and friends. Lighten their sense of loss with your presence, and support them in their loneliness.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Help all those who grieve to support each other, and draw them together in their sorrow.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Give those who are bereaved courage to face the future with confidence in your goodness and with hope in the victory over death. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Help us when we are perplexed and troubled, to believe in the fellowship of all believers, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.