

An Invitation

John's family would like to thank you for your attendance today, for your kind words and loving support. You are invited to remain for refreshments and to continue sharing memories of John.

With Love We Remember

John David Watson

11 August 1951 - 23 August 2025



Forrest

St Chad's Anglican Church, Orewa Friday, 29 August 2025 at 11.00am

Officiating: Rev. Pam Sheath

Welcome

Hymn Abide With Me

Scripture Reading
John 14:1-7

Prayer

John's Life Stories

Danielle - Eulogy Raywyne - Tribute to our Dad Ryan & Matthew - Tribute to a Brother Linda Downes - Tribute to a Friend Other Friends

Poem
The Train

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 57:1-2,13

Song
The Lord's My Shepherd

Commendation

Committal

Blessing





The Train

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side.

However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats.

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are.

It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love.

More importantly, thank God for the journey.

Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train.