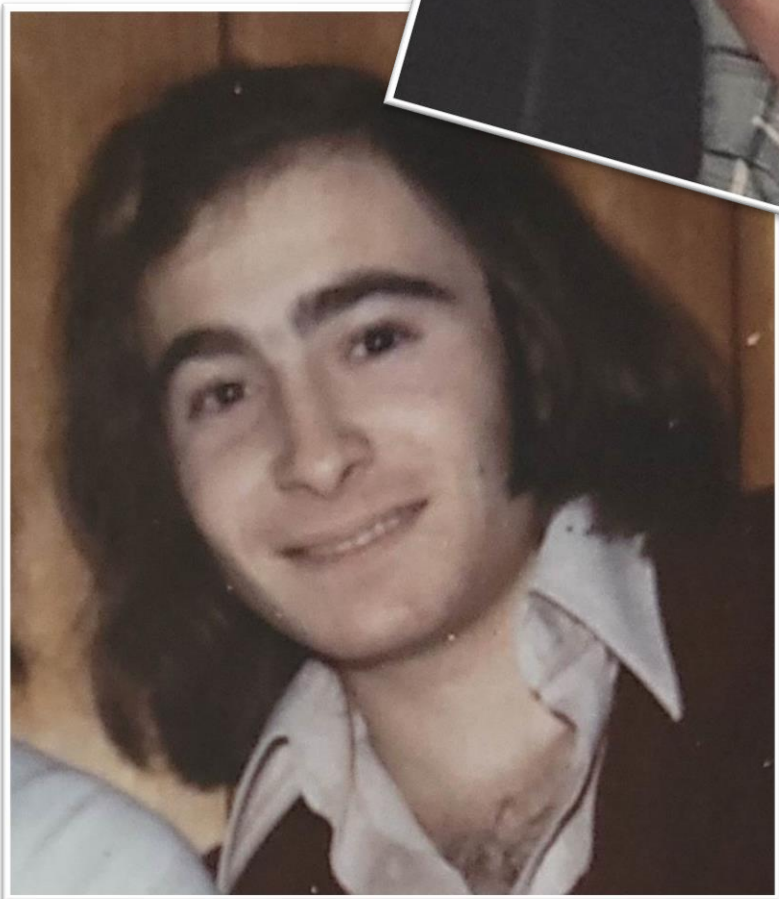


In Loving Memory of

Michael Anthony Forti



10th July, 1954 – 8th March, 2022



Entrance Song – “Stay Close To Me” (Tommy Emmanuel) *Stand*

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
All: *Amen.*

Priest: The grace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.
All: *And with your spirit.*

WELCOME

Sit

Remembrance of Michael's Baptism

Priest: We have gathered together today to remember Michael, to give thanks for his life and to commend his soul into the loving arms of Almighty God.
We now recall his journey to God, which began when he was baptised, born again of water and the Holy Spirit.

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Alfonso Mora

Priest: In baptism Michael received the Light of Christ. Throughout his life he kept the flame of faith alive in his heart.
Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.
All: *Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.*

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Father Ray Bugeja

Priest: In the waters of Baptism, Michael died with Christ and rose with him to new life.
Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.
All: *Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.*

Placing of Baptismal Pall

Doris, Elise, Jakeb, Alana & Paul

Priest: On the day of his Baptism, Michael was clothed in white; as we now robe him with this white baptismal pall we pray:
Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.
All: *Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.*

Placing of Symbols – Flowers, Guitar & Hat, Photo

EULOGY: *Elise Cortesi*

Family Tributes:



Photo Presentation:

OPENING PRAYER

Stand

Priest: Let us pray.

God of mercy, look kindly on your servant, Michael, who has completed his earthly life. As he served you faithfully throughout his life, may you give him the fullness of your peace and joy. We give thanks for his life, now caught up in your eternal love. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus, who is our risen Lord now and forever

All: *Amen.*

Sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading - from the book of Ecclesiastes

Natalie

‘To Everything There is a Season’

To everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven....
A time to be born, and a time to die; a time for planting, a time for uprooting what has been; a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silent, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time for peace. God has made everything beautiful in its time.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Elise, Hudson and Carrera

The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

All: *The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose.
Near restful waters He leads me to revive my drooping spirit.

All: *The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

He guides me along the right path; He is true to His name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you
give me comfort.

All: *The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil, my cup is overflowing

All: *The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days
of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and
ever.

All: *The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stand

All: *Alleluia, Alleluia!*
"I am the Resurrection and the life," says the Lord:
"whoever believes in me will live forever."
Alleluia! Alleluia!



Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: *And with your spirit.*

Priest: A reading from the Gospel according to John (14:1-6)

All: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

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 you 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'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Stand

Priest: Lord we stand before you in our sorrow. But we come to you with an undying hope: we know that your Son Jesus has passed from death to life where He has prepared for us a place. With these thoughts we bring our petitions to you.

Melissa

Reader: We pray for those here today, that our memory of Michael whom we loved, inspires us with a renewed love for all of the family. Lord hear us.

All: *Lord hear our prayer.*

Reader: For the gift of life, love and happiness given to us by Michael, give thanks and ask that you grant him eternal peace.
Lord hear us.

All: *Lord hear our prayer.*

Reader: Michael's family and friends seek comfort and consolation. Let us pray that God will heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that comes from grief. Lord hear us.

All: *Lord hear our prayer.*

Reader: For the doctors and nurses who cared for Michael, that their works of service may be richly blessed. We pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord hear our prayer.*

Priest: We make these prayers through Jesus Christ your Son.

All: *Amen.*



OFFERTORY - *Alfonso and Anita*

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands. It will become for us the bread of life.

All: *Blessed be God forever.*

Priest: Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

All: *Blessed be God forever.*

Priest: Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: *May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.*

Priest: Lord we are united in this sacrament by the love of Jesus Christ. Accept these gifts and receive Michael into the glory of your Son who lives for ever and ever.

All: *Amen.*

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: *And with your spirit.*

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: *It is right and just.*

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks. Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

In Him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven. And so with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of Heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory as without end we acclaim:

All: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Eucharistic Prayer

All: *Amen.*



Communion Rite

Stand

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching we dare to say:

All: *Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be 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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever, Amen.*

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: *For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.*

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant him peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: *Amen.*

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: *And with your spirit.*

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.....

All: *Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.*

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: *Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

Communion Reflection

“The Lord Is My Shepherd” (Stuart Townend)

Prayer After Communion

Stand

Priest: Let us pray: Lord God your Son Jesus Christ gave us the sacrament of His body and blood to guide us on our pilgrim way to your kingdom. May Michael who shared in the Eucharist, come to the banquet of life Christ prepared for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

Final Commendation

Sit

Priest: Before we go our separate ways, let us take our leave of Michael. Let our farewell express our affection for him; may it ease our sadness, and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him, when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys death itself.

All: *Amen.*

The coffin is blessed with Holy Water and incensed.

Song of Farewell

Priest: Saints of God, come to his aid.
Come to meet his angels of the Lord.

All: *Receive his soul, and present him to God the most high.*

Priest: May Christ who called you, take you to himself. May angels lead you to Abraham's side.

All: *Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.*

Priest: Give him eternal rest Oh Lord,
And may your light shine on him forever.

All: *Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.*

Prayer of Commendation

Priest: Into your hands Father of Mercies, we commend Michael. In the sure and certain hope that together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with Him on the last day. We give thanks for all the blessings you gave Michael in this life; for they are the signs to us of your goodness, and our companionship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, open the gates of Paradise to your servant, Michael, and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith.
We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

Remembrance of Eternal Life

Priest: I am the Resurrection and the Life.

All: *I am the Resurrection and the Life.*

Priest: Whoever believes in Me, even though that person dies, shall live.

All: *I am the Resurrection and the Life.*

Priest: Whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.

All: *I am the Resurrection and the Life.*

Priest: Go in peace to glorify the Lord in your life.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Recessional Music – “Stay Close To Me” (Tommy Emmanuel)

Coffin Bearers -

Paul Forti
Jakeb Forti
John Cortesi
Robert Alo
John Cortesi Snr
Marty Valys



At family's request, we will leave for the Drysdale Cemetery immediately following the service. If you do not wish to attend the Cemetery service please make your way to refreshments and the family will catch up with you there.

Michael's family would like to thank you sincerely
for all your love and support at this time.

Following the Burial Service at Drysdale Cemetery
we invite you to join us for light refreshments
at the Drysdale Bowling Club.



*Tributes for Michael can be left on the below tribute link -
<https://www.sheahanfunerals.com.au/obituary/forti-michael-anthony/>*