

A black and white photograph of a pond. The foreground is filled with dark lily pads and several white water lilies in various stages of bloom. The water is dark and reflects the surrounding foliage. In the background, a weeping willow tree with long, drooping branches hangs over the pond. The overall mood is serene and peaceful.

“I go and
prepare
a place
for you . . .
that where
I am,
there ye
may be
also.”

JOHN 14:3

Funeral Service

of

Reginald Frank Whitten
"Rex"

30 May, 1923 - 25 September, 1998

held at

The Salvation Army
Mayfield Corps

23 October, 1998 - 1.00 pm

BAND PRELUDE

GOD'S SOLDIER

God's soldier marches as to war,
A soldier on an alien shore,
A soldier true, a soldier who
Will keep the highest aims in view.
God's soldier goes where sin is found;
Where evil reigns, his battleground;
A cunning foe to overthrow
And strike for truth a telling blow.

*We're going to fill, fill, fill the world with glory;
We're going to smile, smile, smile and not frown;
We're going to sing, sing, sing the gospel story;
We're going to turn the world upside down.*

God's soldier has to stand alone,
Accepting burdens not his own;
A lonely work he cannot shirk,
Where dark and deadly dangers lurk.
God's soldier must courageous be,
And from his duties never flee,
For millions wait, whose need is great,
And he must not God's plan frustrate.

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PRAYER (Major James Ferguson)

FAMILY TRIBUTE (David Whitten)

"WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS" (Male Voice Party)

CORPS TRIBUTE (Ken Cocking)

JOHN 11: 17 - 27 (Major Eric Hopkins)

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

MESSAGE (Major Norm Beckett)

PRAYER

IN THE SWEET BY-AND-BY

There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way
To prepare us a dwelling-place there.

*In the sweet by-and-by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.*

We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blest;
And our spirits shall sorrow no more,
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.

To our bountiful Father above
We will offer the tribute of praise
For the glorious gift of his love,
And the blessings that hallow our days.

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Service of Committal Beresfield Crematorium

2.30 pm

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD

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.

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.

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.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

Words: Scottish Psalter, 1650

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PRAYER

JOHN 14: 1 - 6

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God ; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

"B" HEAVY BATTERY BATTALION (Des Dowling)

TIME OF REFLECTION

R.S.L. SERVICE

PRAYER OF COMMITTAL



Afternoon tea will be served in the Community Centre adjacent to the Citadel following the committal service.

Reginald Frank Whitten
known as "Rex"

Rex had his earliest connection with The Salvation Army, when at an early age, he was cared for in the Army's Bexley Boys Home. Whilst at the Boys Home, Rex learnt to play a brass instrument.

Up until his death, Rex took an active role in the musical and vocal sections of Salvation Army life as a bandsperson, songster and male voice party member.

Rex served as a Salvation Army soldier at Manly, Newcastle and Mayfield Corps. He held positions of responsibility in each of these Corps (churches), including Songster Leader, Band Secretary and Welcome Sergeant. For many years he was The Emergency Service Co-ordinator for The Salvation Army in the Hunter region.

His occupational profession saw him become recognised internationally as a gifted scientific instrument and watch repairer. He was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in this regard.

During World War II, Rex saw service in Papua New Guinea with the "B" Heavy Battery Battalion.

An important interest for Rex was ten pin bowling. He was President of the Newcastle Ten Pin Bowling Association. Recently he was granted life membership of the Australian Ten Pin Bowling Congress.

Rex was a life member in the Horological Guild.

Rex is survived by David, Richard, Rebecca, Kathy and nine grandchildren.

To Those I Love
and
Those Who Love Me.

*When I am gone, release me.
Let me go I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
be happy that we had so many beautiful years.*

*I gave to you my love,
You can only guess how much you gave to me in
happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
but now it's time I travelled alone.*

*So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must,
then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
so bless the memories in your heart.*

*I won't be far away for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see me, I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart,
you'll hear all my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say -
"Welcome Home".*