Margaret Ann Ruddenklau
(nee Ball)

8 October 1938 – 29 January 2014

A Celebration of the Life of

Margaret Ann Ruddenklau

Held at

St. Columba's Presbyterian Church

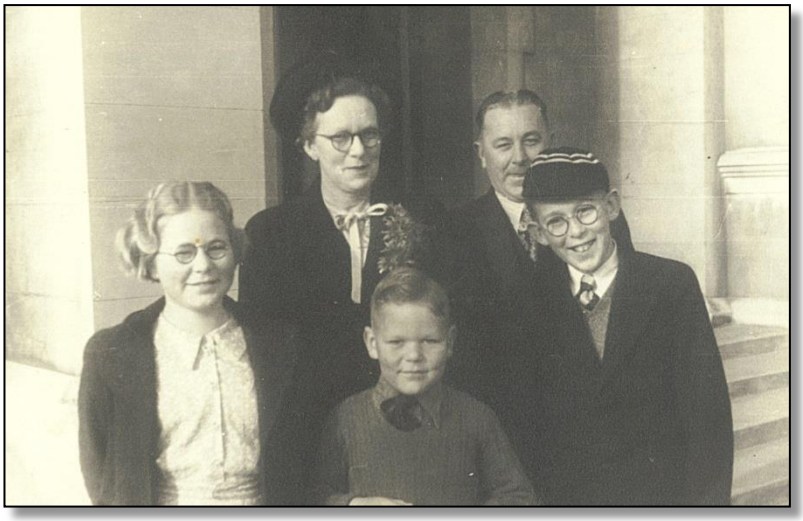
Gloucester Street, Taradale

on Saturday 1st February 2014

at 1.00pm

Celebrants: Pastor Maurice Craig
Pastor Kay Craig
Rev. Brett Walker
Organist: Shona Stubbs
Funeral Director: Neil Earnshaw

Margaret was the daughter of Laurie and Florence Ball. She was brought up in Waimate, South Canterbury with her older brother Brian and younger brother John.



She became a Karitane nurse – the perfect role for someone who cared so much for others

She met and married John Ruddenklau in 1961 and started a new chapter of her life living on the farm and Top Run

They had three stunning children! Linda, Peter and Judy and a loving family which grew.

But her favourite role was being Gran to Karl, Amy, Brooke, Olivia and Phoebe

Margaret loved music and celebrations

Gran's Famous Chocolate Button Biscuit Recipe

Recipe

chocolate. Biscuits.

butter 4ozs. flour 5ozs.

sugar 4ozs. B.P 1 tsp.

coffee ess. 1tsp. vanilla 1tsp.

place piece of choc in centre.

Saturday 25th January 2014

We found this poem quoted and written in Margaret's handwriting...

Have You Earned Tomorrow?

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?

Were you selfish, pure and simple as you rushed along your way
Or is someone mighty grateful for a deed you did today?

Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast,
That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?
Does the man whose hopes were fading, now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or lose it?
Was it well or poorly spent?

Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God will say,

"You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today"?

Welcome and Introduction
Rev. Brett Walker

Eulogy:
Given by John Ball

Hymn:
'Immortal, Invisible'

Church Tribute
Maurice and Kay Craig

Prayer

Grandchildren's Tributes

Time of Reflection
Photographs of Margaret's life and family, to the song
'I Had A Dream' sung by ABBA

Tributes
Given by Linda Paterson and Judy McKinnon

Song:
'I'll Never Find Another You'

Lord's Prayer
Our Father, which 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.

Committal

Margaret's casket will be carried from the Church
to the tune 'Highland Cathedral'

Hymn: 'Immortal, Invisible'

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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Song: 'I'll Never Find Another You'

There's a new world somewhere
They call The Promised Land
And I'll be there some day
If you will hold my hand
I still need you there beside me
No matter what I do
For I know I'll never find another you

There is always someone
For each of us they say
And you'll be my someone
For ever and a day
I could search the whole world over
Until my life is through
But I know I'll never find another you

It's a long, long journey
So stay by my side
When I walk through the storm
You'll be my guide, be my guide

If they gave me a fortune
My treasure would be small
I could lose it all tomorrow
And never mind at all
But if I should lose your love, dear
I don't know what I'll do
For I know I'll never find another you

(Musical Interlude)

But if I should lose your love, dear
I don't know what I'll do
For I know I'll never find another you
Another you, another you

Pall Bearers

John Ball — Peter Ruddenklau

Jim Whitelock — Graham Ruddenklau

Angus McKinnon — Karl Paterson

The family are so very grateful for all the love and kindness shown to Margaret and to the family during the past weeks. Thank you to all those who have supported us through this time. We know Margaret would have wanted to give each and every one of you one of her special hugs.

Please join us for a cup of tea after the service. The family will hold a private cremation later in the day.

Please sign the memorial register.

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