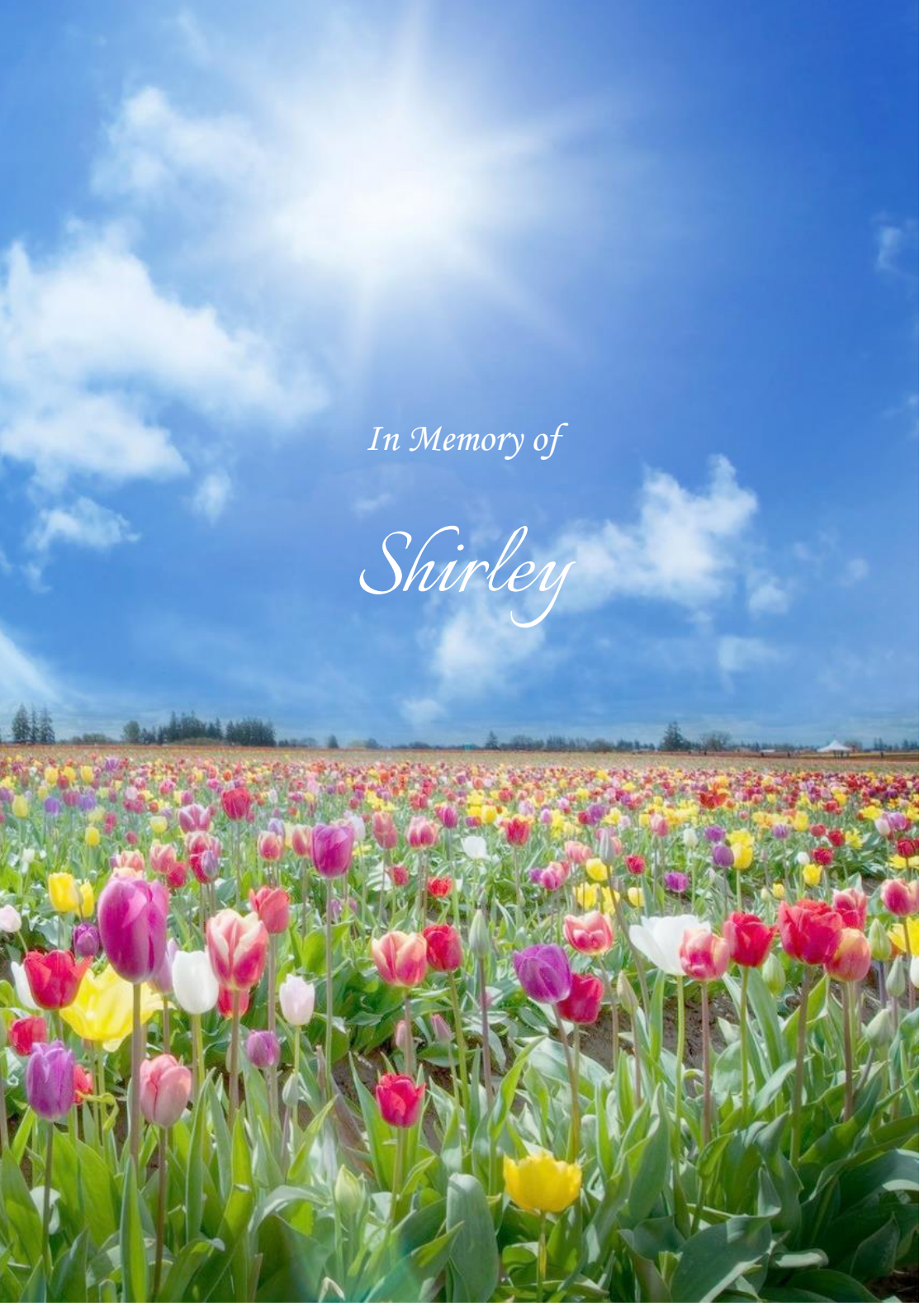
Shirley Margaret Goss

19 July 1932 – 6 March 2014


In Memory of
Shirley

A Service For

Shirley Goss

held in

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

Tennyson Street, Napier

On Tuesday 11th March 2014
at 11.00am

Celebrant: Rev. Sally Carter
Organist: Dorothy Finlayson
Funeral Director: Paul Dunstall and Gareth Hayward

Welcome and Introduction

Prayer

Hymn: The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended

The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy church, unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

So be it, Lord; Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away:
Thy kingdom stands, and grows forever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

Readings:
Micah 6:6 - 8
Matthew 5:1 - 12 (The Beatitudes)

Hymn: Praise with Joy the World's Creator

Praise with joy the world's creator,
God of justice, love and peace,
Source and end of human knowledge,
Force of greatness without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory -
Power to rescue and release.

Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,
Frees the captive, finds the lost,
Heals the sick, upsets religion,
Fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence -
Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us,
Liberating truth from pride,
Forging bonds where race or gender,
Age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure -
Foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,
One God in community,
Calling Christians to embody
Oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe, when
Shown Christ's vibrant unity.

Tributes

Cathy Opie, Jan Dearing
John Goss, Peter Goss
Muriel Harvey, Noeline Chappell

Poem

Hymn: Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun
I danced in the Moon & the Stars & the Sun
I came down from Heaven & I danced on the Earth
At Bethlehem I had my birth:

Dance then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!

I danced for the scribe & the pharisee
But they would not dance & they wouldn't follow me
I danced for fishermen, for James & John
They came with me & the Dance went on:

I danced on the Sabbath & I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame!
They whipped & they stripped & they hung me high
And they left me there on a cross to die!

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
They buried my body & they thought I'd gone
But I am the Dance & I still go on!

They cut me down and I leapt up high
I am the Life that'll never, never die!
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!
Prayers Of Thanksgiving

Words Of Farewell

Hymn: One more step along the world I go

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new
keep me traveling along with you:

Refrain:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me traveling along with you.

Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me: Refrain

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me traveling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know: Refrain

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me traveling along with you: Refrain

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me;
ever old and ever new,
keep me traveling along with you: Refrain

Commendation

Written on the occasion of
Shirley's 80th birthday 19th July, 2012

80 years
Showering flowers
On friends and strangers
Living a life
Of kindness
Reaching out, finding
The needy
Heeding the broken-hearted
Healing the wounded
Sheltering the homeless.
Shirley is aware of despair
and gives hope
She is happy being herself.
We count her amongst
The salt of the earth.

By Ian McQuillan

Shirley's family thank you for being with them today and warmly invite you to share refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Lounge, at the conclusion of the service.

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