

In Loving Memory
of
Kevin Vincent Cahill

1934-2023

June 9, 2023 at Purslowe Chipper Funerals Midland

Entry music

Introduction – Phil McEvoy (Celebrant)

Good afternoon family and friends, we've come here to say a sad farewell, but to also celebrate the life and honour the memory of Kevin, or Kev, Vincent Cahill. We will acknowledge the special place that Kevin had in your lives, your shared links, and the things for which he'll be most remembered. Kevin passed on the 28th of May at the age of 89. While his mind was sharp until the end, his body had suffered from the many years of hard physical work. He had new hips and knees inserted in the past as well as other physical ailments but he also recently suffered heart trouble. In the end the family think that Kev had had enough, he endured constant pain, and was simply 'ready to go.' His passing was expected and the family can take some comfort at least in knowing he will no longer suffer.

Kev will be sorely missed but his family feel that when he was well, he lived a very full and as we'll hear, a highly accomplished life, so they have requested that today, we celebrate that life.

On behalf of the family and also Kit and the team at Purslowe Chipper Funerals I'd like to welcome you here. My name is Phil McEvoy, I'm a Civil Celebrant and it is my privilege to conduct this service today.

Kevin was always proud of his family, his devoted wife Rewa, his sons Grant and his partner Kaz, Peter and his wife Dawn, Mark, and lastly Dean. Kev is survived by his twin sister Noreen, and his brothers Brian and Dennis. Another sister, Margaret sadly passed quite a

few years ago. Kev was also a proud and loving grandad to 11 grandchildren and to date, 6 great grandchildren.

I didn't know Kevin Cahill but when I discussed the service with his family on Wednesday I learned of one of life's true gentlemen who worked extremely hard, raised a family, and still found the time to get heavily involved in his community. In fact, his commitment to his community, mainly through the Royal Agriculture Society and Country Tourism Australia was recognised several times over the years and he received a number of awards including the Sir David Brand award in 1987, and the big one, the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2004. These awards, and others will be on display in the lounge area when we move next door. As many of you will know Kev's working life was mainly on the family farm at Nangeenan. Farming was his life! He loved it and also loved his animals. When he retired he and Rewa sold the farm, took a trip to Scotland, and when they returned, moved to their current home in Glen Forrest.

But I'll leave his other qualities and pastimes for his friends and family to share.

Tribute 1 – Frank (life-time friend)

Tribute 2 – Wayne (friend)

Tribute 3 – Bill (friend)

Photo Tribute

Photos are generally some of our most treasured possessions. They remind us of our past. Now that we've heard some of the stories about Kevin's life, we'll pause for a few minutes to look back over the years and watch a photographic tribute that shows him enjoying happy moments with many of the people who made up his life.

Tribute 4 – Grant

Tribute 5 – Roseanna and Jordan

Time of Reflection

We're now going to take some time for you to reflect on your journey with Kevin Cahill. We've heard recollections of his life and character but each of you will have your personal memories on what Kevin brought to your life. You may want to reflect on his old-fashioned manners, his steadfastness and courage, those beautiful clover paddocks, perhaps his lack of success when fishing, and the many friendships formed.

We will be distributing some rosemary (explain soil and clover) which is a symbol of remembrance. You are invited to follow the immediate family forward and say your own goodbye by placing a tribute of rosemary on the coffin. Please give the family their time first. And feel free to place an extra rosemary for anyone that can't be here today.

Please note the family will be doing their own reflecting so could you save your condolences until we move next door after the service.

Music

Final parting words

We have been remembering a man's life with love, affection and considerable respect. Kevin is now at peace and from everything we've heard about him today, he wouldn't want you to feel sad. He's lived a long, full life, made a big impact on those around him, and left a lasting legacy, but now his work here is done.

Kevin wasn't religious, and we of course have no way of knowing where he's going, so we can only hope that firstly and most importantly, he is healthy again. The family would also love to think there'll be plenty of farms there, community groups for him to join, a vegie garden to tend, and he can enjoy a quiet beer at the end of the day.

Conclusion

Family and friends, we're now going to say farewell to Kev and then you can follow the family outside and give him a final wave. When he's gone you are invited to move to the lounge next door for some light refreshments. On behalf of the family I'd like to once again thank our speakers, and all of you for taking the time to come here today.

Words of farewell

We say a heartfelt goodbye to Kevin's physical presence. For all that his life has meant to us, we are glad that he lived. You are the people he loved. We thank you Kevin for your extraordinary commitment to your community, your traditional values and strong work ethic, but we thank you most of all for your loyalty and devotion as a husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. Keep them all safe until you meet again. With the greatest respect, we bid you farewell.

Go in peace and may you travel safely on the next part of your journey.

Exit music