

A Service to Celebrate the Life of

# BRIAN ALAN CRANE

29 March 1939 – 22 April 2026



Boyd Chapel, Springvale Botanical Cemetery

Friday, 8 May, 2026 at 2.30 pm

Officiant - Father Tony White

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Passed away peacefully on 22 April 2026 at the age of 87.

Brian is survived by his wife, Yong; his sons Julian and Justin; daughters-in-law Sandra and Kirsty; his brother Denis; his grandchildren Sophia, Kiana and Rory.

Brian was born in the UK, spent his early years with his big sister Yvonne (dec.) and younger brother Denis in Ayrshire, Scotland. He attended prep school in Macclesfield, Cheshire and then Clifton College, Bristol (UK).

He started his first job with Esso Petroleum while waiting for National Service call up. He completed basic training as a Marine and was then commissioned as 2nd Lt in the Royal Marines (2 years).

After a short stint with Rank Hovis McDougall (UK) as a Sales Manager, he joined Inchcape Group (Sarawak, East Malaysia) in 1962 as a Management Cadet. He spent a total 27 years with Inchcape and was promoted to Executive Director (1975). He was awarded the “Star of Sarawak” by the Malaysian Government for services to business.

He moved to the Tootal Group in 1988 (Singapore) managing their Business Development and HR responsibilities. Following this, he moved to Melbourne in 1991 as a self employed consultant working with a number of multi-national companies before retiring in 1998.

Brian was a dedicated Freemason for many years. His unbounded love for all his family and friends was very special. His second love was for good food, single malt whisky and golf (rain or shine!).

“Finally, try to be cheerful throughout this time, as we will all meet again another day. My greatest love and thanks to my darling Yong, Julian and Justin and their respective families for all bringing so very much love, meaning, pleasure and joy into my life. I trust that I have not let them down. God Bless”.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## PROCESSIONAL ENTRY *(please stand)*

Amazing Grace, Piper – Rod Gillies

## WELCOME

*Fr Tony White*

*You are invited to participate in this service by joining in the responses printed in heavy type.*

## OPENING PRAYERS

✠ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you.  
and also with you.

So, let us pray together:

Loving God, you alone are the source of life.

May your life-giving Spirit flow through us,  
and fill us with compassion, one for another.

In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace.

Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.      Amen.

## HYMN

*Tune Finlandia, Jean Sibelius*

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in every change he faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart  
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
then you shall better know his love, his heart,  
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.

Be still, my soul: for Jesus can restore  
the trust and hope that strengthened you before.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

*Katharina von Schlegel 1697-?*  
*tr. Jane Laurie Borthwick 1813-97 alt.*

## EULOGY / REMEMBRANCES

*Julian Crane*

## PHOTO PRESENTATION

## POEM

### “One At Rest”

*Read by Kiana and Sophia Crane*

Think of me as one at rest, for me you should not weep  
I have no pain no troubled thoughts for I am just asleep  
The living thinking me that was, is now forever still  
And life goes on without me now, as time forever will.

If your heart is heavy now because I've gone away  
Dwell not long upon it friend for none of us can stay  
Those of you who liked me, I sincerely thank you all  
And those of you who loved me, I thank you most of all.

And in my fleeting lifespan, as time went rushing by  
I found some time to hesitate, to laugh, to love, to cry  
Matters it now if time began if time will ever cease?  
I was here, I used it all, and now I am at peace.

*A.J. Stanley*

## READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

A reading from the Book called Ecclesiastes.

*Read by Mike Burrell*

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain:

In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened,

And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low;

Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity.

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

May your Word live in us,

**And bear much fruit to your glory.**

## A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

*Read by Rory Crane*

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

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and bear much fruit to your glory.



From the deep red carnation, which states “alas my poor heart”  
to the fidelity of the wall flower; to the well known cliché  
“my love is like a red, red rose”.

## Psalm 23

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,  
ev'n 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 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.

*Scottish Psalter 1650, Crimond*

### **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.**

*Read by Justin Crane*

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Believe in God, believe also in me.  
In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.  
If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to  
prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I  
will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am,  
there you may be also. And you know the way to the place  
where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

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

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## REFLECTION

*Fr Tony White*

*Please stand for the prayers.*

## THE PRAYERS

Let us pray with confidence to God our Father, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead for the salvation of 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, forever  
and ever. Amen.

# MASONIC COMMEMORATION

*Led by VWBro Selwyn Allen, PGIW and VWBro Kim Lai, PGIW,  
of Canterbury Lodge (Brian's Craft Lodge.)*

## 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.

The sun that bids us rest is waking  
our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

*St Clement C.C. Scholefield 1839-1904  
John Ellerton 1826-93 alt.*

## PRAYERS OF COMMITTAL AND FAREWELL

✠ Give him eternal rest, O Lord,  
and may your light shine on him for ever.

*The coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water as a reminder that, in the waters of  
Baptism, Brian entered into Christ's death that he might share Christ's risen  
life.*

## THE BLESSING

## RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Scotland The Brave, Piper

*Brian's body will now be taken from the chapel for private cremation.*



## MASONIC HISTORY

FREEMASONS VICTORIA (CRAFT) CANTERBURY LODGE No 312  
Past Junior Grand Deacon, Past Secretary

*GREAT PRIORY of VICTORIA UNITED, RELIGIOUS, MILITARY and MASONIC ORDER of the TEMPLE and of ST JOHN of JERUSALEM, PALESTINE, RHODES, and MALTA PRIORY: GRAND MASTER 2016-2018.*

*ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE (SCOTTISH CONSTITUTION) PROVINCE OF VICTORIA: DEPUTY 2013-2016*

*MASONIC AND MILITARY ORDER OF (RCC). THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE AND ORDERS OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE AND ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST: PAST GRAND STD B(L)*

*THE ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND (ROSC): PAST PROVINCIAL DEPUTY GRAND MASTER*

*CRAFT SCOTLAND: PM LODGE SARAWAK, HON GRAND ARCHITECT, HON, S.D.G.W.  
DISTRICT GRAND ROYAL ARCH MIDDLE EAST: P.1ST PRINCIPAL,  
P. DEP.GRAND RECORDER.*

*MEMBERSHIP OTHER ORDERS IN VICTORIA:  
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS (RSM)  
THE WORSHIPFUL SOCIETY OF FREE MASONS (THE OPERATIVES)  
THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR (OSM)  
THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES OF AUSTRALIA.*



Sarawak  
Star

## GREAT PRIORY HONOUR GUARD

Uwe Lau & Daniel Conway - Malta Regalia  
Carl Donadio & Dimitri Karanakis - Knight Regalia



Yong, Julian, Sandra, Justin, Kirsty and all their associated families sincerely thank you for all your prayers, love, comfort and support that have been a source of great strength through this difficult time.

We feel humbled by the kindness and honesty of your words and presence here today to pay respect to Brian.

You are invited to join us for refreshments  
at the conclusion of the service.



In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation  
in memory of Brian to the Stroke Ambulance.

Such donations may be made to  
**Royal Melbourne Hospital Neuroscience Foundation**  
[neuroscience.org.au/donate](http://neuroscience.org.au/donate)

The form contains a box that allows the donor to name  
the **Mobile Stroke Unit / Brian Crane** as the recipient of the gift.



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