

COMMITTAL SERVICE - Westside Cemetery

INTRODUCTION - Captain Graham Stanley

SONG - Choir

COMMITTAL

REFLECTION SONG - Terrance

SONG - "There's a land that is fairer than day"

PRAYER & BENEDICTION - Captain Graham Stanley

SONG

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.

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 shall offer the tribute of praise
For the glorious gift of his love.,
And the blessings that hallow our days.

(Sanford Fillmore Bennett (1836 - 98)

CHORUS

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

*The family extends an invitation to all who wish to join us
for refreshments at the Parish Hall, Tassie Street, Port Augusta*

PALLBEARERS

Terrance Warren Trevon Warren Daniel Colson
Thomas Colson Dwayne Larkins Garth Dodd
Ringo Warren David Strangways



Raymond John Colson

6 January 1957 to 28 June 2005



A special person
A special face
A special someone
We cannot replace

Officiating Minister: Captain Graham Stanley
The Salvation Army - Port Augusta Corps

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME - Captain Graham Stanley
SONG - "What a Friend we have in Jesus"
PRAYER - Brother Danny Colson
BIBLE READING - Psalm 23 - Sister Gloria Colson
SONG - Choir
EULOGY & CONDOLENCES
BIBLE READING - John 14:1-6 Captain Kathy Stanley
MESSAGE - Captain Graham Stanley
LORD'S PRAYER
REFLECTION SONG - "When the roll is called up yonder"



In loving memory of RAYMOND JOHN COLSON (Collo). Born on 6 January 1957 at Leigh Creek Hospital and called home 28 June 2005 at his home aged 48 years.

Beloved husband of Sharyn Dawn, son of Danny and Gloria Colson.
Son in law of David and Rene Warren.
Brother to Leon, Dennis, Rosslyn (dec), Troy and Ronnie.
Brother in law to Roxanne, Kerry, Colin, Margaret, Shirley, Reginald, James, Marjorie, Darryl, Terrance, Donica, Leanne, Trevon, Jillian and Lynette.
Uncle to Jadean, Leon, Clinton, Tamara, Francis, Dean, Damiel, Tineale, Dennis, Raymond (TjiTjayi), Thomas, Matthew, Christopher, Robert, Greg, Diana, Cassandra, Sharkira, Mary, Lisa, Gloria, Ronald, Dwayne and Shelby. Also uncle to 42 children.
Poppa to Richard, Shaniqua, Rishana, Jacqita Takeish, Bendy, Kylie, Iesha, Terrell and Shakya.
Also poppa to 50 children and great poppa to 2. God parent to Shazza Ray.



"REST IN PEACE"
"We love you and will miss you!"

EULOGY

Raymond John Colson is the eldest son of Danny and Gloria Colson. He was born on 6 January 1957 at the old Leigh Creek hospital. He is also known as "Collo" by his work mates and friends. The family moved to Marree where his father worked on the Commonwealth Railways. It was here in Marree where Raymond started school. Later the family moved to Leigh Creek, then on to Alice Springs and finally moved to Port Augusta. By this time the family grew to five boys and one girl (deceased). Raymond completed year 9 in 1973 at Port Augusta High School.

While living in Alice Springs the whole family joined The Salvation Army Church. As Raymond grew up into teenage years he studied music and began to play the cornet in the Alice Springs Corps of The Salvation Army and later at Port Augusta. He accepted the Lord Jesus into his life and began to study God's word. He played the cornet at services in the Church and out into the street meetings. He left school and moved back to Marree where he was employed as a junior station assistant with Australian National Railways, which included the duties of yard reports, parcel clerk, platform maintenance and loading goods. Raymond took a year off from the railways and became a stockman at Anna Creek Station. There he learnt Horse breaking, cattle branding and mustering, dogging and fencing. He became an experienced station hand. He came back to Marree and it was there that he met the love of his life "Sharyn Dawn". They stayed together for over 25 years of married life. Although they didn't have any children of their own, they had the pleasure of raising one of their nephews, young Raymond. He became their son. Raymond and Sharyn were always surrounded by children from their families, and Raymond will always be remembered as their uncle Collo. While being employed by the railways he worked as Acting Ganger, Roadmaster's Clerk and Track Supervisor at places along the line at William Creek, Marree, Leigh Creek and Parachilna. He retired from the railways and went home to his father's homeland at Turkey Bore near Ernabella, working in the Community Development Employment Project and then moving to Indulkana Aboriginal Community. Following this Raymond moved down to Port Augusta with his partner and found work with Bungala CDEP Training Centre and trained as a carpenter and painter, until poor health forced his retirement. Raymond suffered with all kinds of sickness until he was called home. We will remember him as a loving, kind person and his love and life will live in our hearts. He has touched many lives and is loved by all his family and all his Ernabella family and all over the Pitjanjara lands.