



In Memory of

Johannes Cornelis Coomans

8th October 1922 - 30th January 2015

Our Dad

Our dad was a remarkable man, who lived his life to the full. He had strength of character, great conviction in his own beliefs and was never scared to speak his mind, always expressing himself in a forthright manner. He was a man of great skill and courage, demonstrating that throughout his life.

He was a family man who cherished our mum Adrie and always showed great love for his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In turn, he was loved by us all.



Loved by his children and their partners

Marius and Joy, Simon and Anne, Harry and Sue, Els and Peter,
Herman and Fiona

Grandfather of:

Olivia, Troy, Craig, Jason, Kathy, Kristin, Pieter, Alice, Janina, Michael, Adrian,
Catherine, Anita, John, James, Erin and Lilly

Great grandfather of:

Katarina, Christopher, Jamie, Alexander, Matthew, Reuben, Harry and Sophia



40th Wedding Anniversary

50th Wedding Anniversary

At the Graveside

Scripture reading:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. 14 We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage each other with these words.

Hymn 415 "Abide with me"

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O Lord who changes not, abide with me.
3. I need Your presence every passing hour.
What but Your grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Yourself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

4. I fear no foe with You at hand to bless,
though ills have weight, and tears their bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where grave, your victory?
I triumph still, if You abide with me.

5. Hold now Your cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Committal:

Seeing that the Lord Almighty, in his wise providence, has decided to take to himself our beloved Johannes Coomans, we therefore commit his body to the ground. In doing so, we proclaim that we look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come which will happen when our Lord Jesus Christ will return in glorious majesty. When Jesus returns, the mortal bodies of those who sleep in him shall be changed and be made like His own glorious body. This will happen through his mighty power whereby he is able to bring everything under his control.

The Apostle John writes: "Then I heard a voice from heaven say, 'Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'they will rest from their labour, for their deeds will follow them.'"

Lord's Day 1:

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,
but belong – body and soul, in life and in death –
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
and He has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him,
Christ by his Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for Him.

Prayer

Benediction

Thanksgiving Service

Call To Worship

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Greeting:

Hymn 470 "Nearer Still Nearer"

1. Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart,
draw me, my Saviour so precious Thou art.
Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast;
shelter me safe in that haven of rest,
shelter me safe in that haven of rest.
2. Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring,
naught as an offering to Jesus my King.
Only my sinful, now contrite heart;
grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart,
grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart.
3. Nearer, still nearer, Lord to be Thine,
sin with its follies I gladly resign,
all of its pleasures, pomp and its pride;
give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified,
give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.
4. Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last,
till safe in glory my anchor is cast;
through endless ages, ever to be
nearer, my Saviour, still nearer to Thee,
nearer, my Saviour, still nearer to Thee.

Hymn 23 “The Lord Is My Shepherd”

1. 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.

2. My soul He doth restore again,

and me to walk doth make
in the paths of righteousness,
e'en for His own name's sake.

3. Yea though I walk through death's dark vale

yet will I fear no ill
for Thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4. A table Thou hast furnished me

in presence of my foes;
my head Thou dost with oil anoint
and my cup over flows.

5. Goodness and mercy, all my life,

shall surely follow me,
and in God's house for evermore,
my dwelling place shall be.

Eulogy:

Jo and Adrie's children: Marius, Simon, Harry, Els, Herman

Reading from Psalm 100:

Olivia Saravanos



Dad's 90th birthday celebration with some of his grandchildren



Hymn 359 “Great Is Your Faithfulness”

1. Great is Your faithfulness, O God my Father,
You have fulfilled all Your promise to me;
You never fail and Your love is unchanging,
all You have been, You forever will be.

Refrain

Great is Your faithfulness,
great is Your faithfulness,
morning by morning, new mercies I see;
all I have needed, Your hand has provided
great is Your faithfulness, Father to me.

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars, in their courses above,
join with all nature in eloquent witness,
to Your great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin, and a peace ever lasting,
Your living presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow,
these are the blessings Your love will provide.

Refrain

Message from the congregation:

Bill Sluyter

Prayer:

Anita van Zwieten

Bible Reading: Romans 8 : 31b – 39

James Coomans

Message: “ Convinced of God’s Love”

Pastor Stephen Coleman

Hymn “How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”

How deep the Father’s love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that left Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Benediction

Doxology 265: “Glory To God”

Glory to God. Glory to God
In the highest, in the highest, in the highest
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth
To the people whom God delights in
Glory to God in the highest
Glory to God in the highest

Peace be on earth, Peace be on earth, Peace be on earth, Peace be on earth
To the people, to the people whom God delights in,
To the people whom God delights in whom God delights in,
Glory to God , Glory to God, in the highest, in the highest,in the highest.

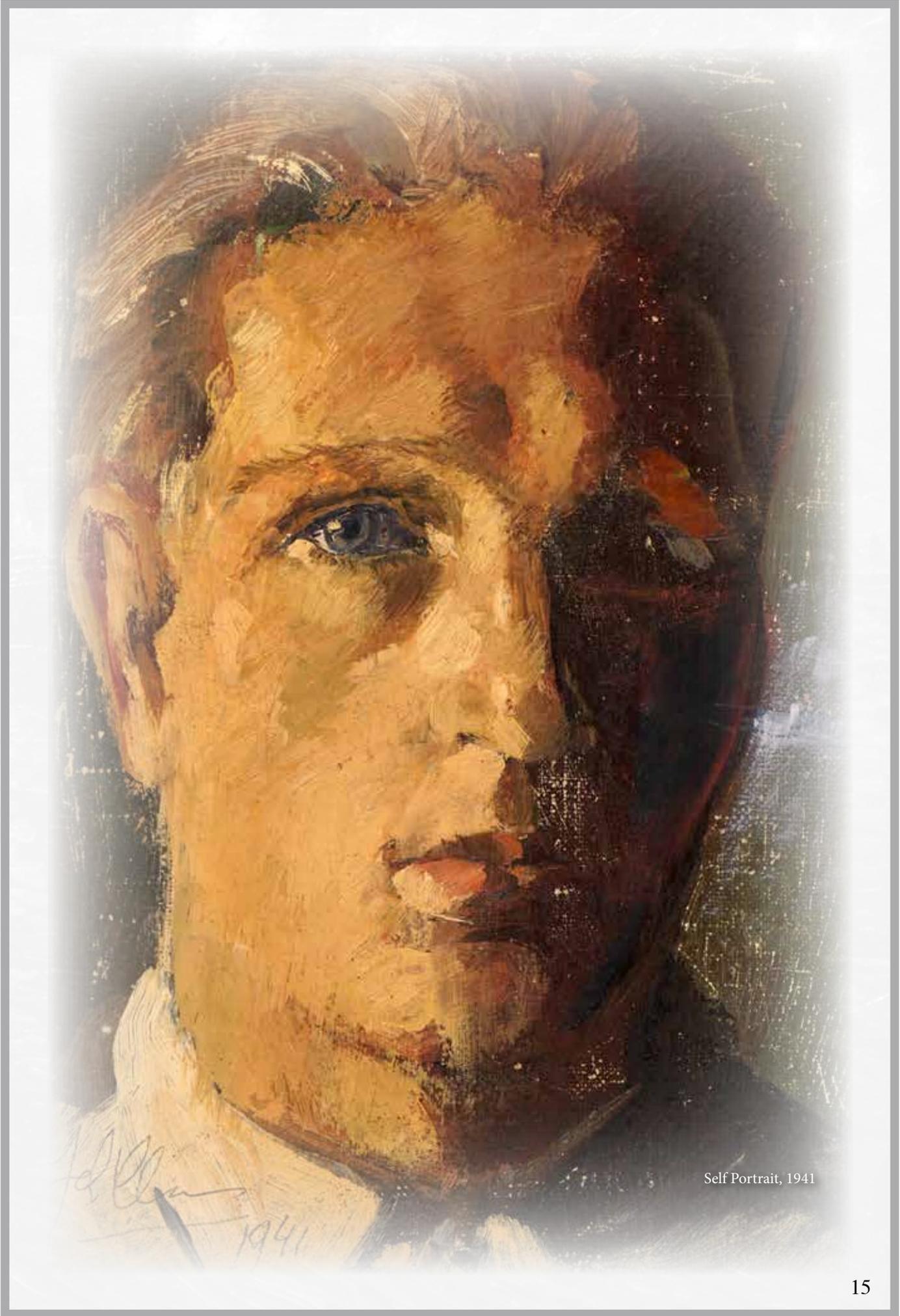
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth, to the people whom God delights in
Amen,
Amen.

Time of reflection

AV Presentation: “Our Dad”

Portrait of Mum by Dad during the war





Self Portrait, 1941



Dad's drawing of St Stephen's Church across the road from our home
in High Street Penrith where we were living in 1967

Our sincere thanks for your presence and love.

Please join us for refreshments in the hall.

Marius, Joy, Simon, Anne, Harry, Sue, Peter, Els, Herman, Fiona.