

A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF  
**ALAN CHARLES ROBERTSON**

9th January 1928 - 14th August 2007



Tuesday 21st August 2007

**Minister:** Dr Francis Macnab

**Organist:** Rhys Boak

**Beadle:** Margrit Kruger

**Piper:** Edward Whittle

St Michael's Uniting Church  
Collins Street, Melbourne

19 Kardinaia Cres.

Warrawood

# ROBERTSON

Alan Charles

Passed away on 14th August 2007, aged 79 years. Beloved husband of Betty and much loved father to Mark, Jane, Peter and Catherine. Father-in-law to Richard and Ilma and adored Grandpa to Elise, Lou, Alex, James, Nick and Jessie.

A true gentleman that we were blessed to share our lives with and will be in our hearts forever.

**SCHNEIDER**

27.11.07

## ALAN ROBERTSON, OAM

Fellow of the Institute of Engineers, Australia

- ◆ Born at Box Hill
- ◆ Son of Georgina Lyle McColl and Charles Newbold Robertson
- ◆ He had one sister, Jean (deceased)
  
- ◆ Married Betty Dixon on 23rd October 1954
  
- ◆ They had four children - Mark, Jane, Peter and Catherine
- ◆ There are six grandchildren - Elise, Louise, Alexander, James, Nicholas and Jessica
  
- ◆ He had a distinguished career as City Engineer, and Town Planner at the City of Ringwood.
- ◆ He received several significant professional and community awards.
- ◆ He was much loved; and enjoyed by his family.

## I

### THE PEOPLE GATHER

### THE CANDLES ARE LIT

- As symbols of a good spirit in the world.
- As symbols of the good passions in our everyday life.

### THE ORGAN PRELUDE

'Largo' by G. F. Handel.

**The Minister will proceed to the Chancel;  
The People Stand**

### THE TWO CANDLES ARE LIT

- In celebration of the good and vigorous life of Alan Robertson
- With thanksgiving for the good gifts and generosity he brought to his community and family life

### THE PURPOSE STATED

### THE HYMN 16 (Tune: Crimond)

## II

### THE READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

- (i) Psalm 21            The enriching gifts
- (ii) Ephesians 3.16-19    A most powerful emotion
- (iii) St John 4.10-15    The inner spring of Life's energy

### THE TRIBUTES

#### CATHERINE:

Alan Robertson, The man

#### RICHARD WOOD:

Alan Robertson, and The City of Ringwood

#### ROBIN NUTTALL:

Retired Chairman at the Municipal Engineering Foundation of Victoria

Alan Robertson, Engineer among engineers

#### MARK:

Alan Robertson, and his family.

### THE MUSIC

St Michael's Singers

'Panus Angelicus' by Cesar Franck

### III

#### THE PANEGYRIC

“A man of vision, determination and faith”

#### THE PRAYER

#### THE BLESSING

#### THE HYMN 14

As the procession moves up the main aisle to the Collins Street Upper Door, the Organist will play a paraphrase on “Thine Be The Glory” by A. Guilmant.

#### THE TOLLING OF THE BELLS

The congregation is asked to follow the procession.

Tho' much is taken, much abides; and tho'  
We are not now that strength which in old days  
Moved earth and heaven; that which we are, we are...  
Lord Tennyson

It is time to be old,  
To take in sail;  
The god of bounds,  
Who sets to seas a shore,  
Came to me in his fatal rounds,  
And said, 'No more!'

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Remember then: There is only one time that is important -  
Now! It is the most important time because it is the only  
time we have any power.

Leo Tolstoy

Though nothing can bring back the hour  
Of splendour in the grass, of glory in the flower;  
We will grieve not, rather find  
Strength in what remains behind.

William Wordsworth

Betty Robertson and her family wish to  
express their thanks to everyone for  
attending the service today.

Light refreshments will be served in St Michael's Hall  
after the service.

*Graham Preston  
Ian McCleery  
Barry Dutton*

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