



*A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving
for the Life of*

Ronald Anthony Cheslock

March 11, 1939 - May 31, 2026

*Sunday June 14th @ 2:00 pm
St. James Anglican Church, Caledon East*

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8: 38-39

Words of Welcome

The Rev. Michelle Jones

Opening Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"

Blue 423

Psalm 23 *The congregation sits*

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Prayer of Consolation

Officiant: Let us pray.

O God, Creator of all life, source of love and joy, we come into your presence to celebrate life, especially the life of Ronald. Help us to accept death as a part of life, trusting in your goodness and great love for every one of us.

We feel now the pain of parting with a loved one, but we rejoice that so many were privileged to experience life with her. We entrust Ronald to you in death, as in life you entrusted him to us.

We pray in sincerity and hope. **Amen.**

Remembrances

"I'm Free" by Anne Lindgren Davison

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me,
I took his hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that place at close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembering joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah, yes these things I do miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me.
God wanted me now. He set me free.

Scripture Reading

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"
He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." *(Luke 10:25-37)*

Homily

The Rev. Michelle Jones

"One Day" ~ solo

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life, and may we with him pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may serve you with a quiet mind.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Grant us grace to entrust Ron to your never-failing love which sustained him in this life. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favour you bear for your people.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in
heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for
the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Commendation

The congregation stands

Officiant: Let us pray together.

All: Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting. You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return.

For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Officiant: Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Ronald. Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive Ronald into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Officiant: Enriched by our relationship with Ronald; strengthened by the comfort of God; companioned by the friendship of Christ; let us leave this time and place of worship with the blessing and peace and love that is God's gift to us this day, this night, and forevermore. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and upon those you love, now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

Blue 352

The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

Clergy

The Rev. Michelle Jones

Musicians

Mary Judge (*organ*)

Joanne Redhead

Eulogists

Shawnee Matinnia

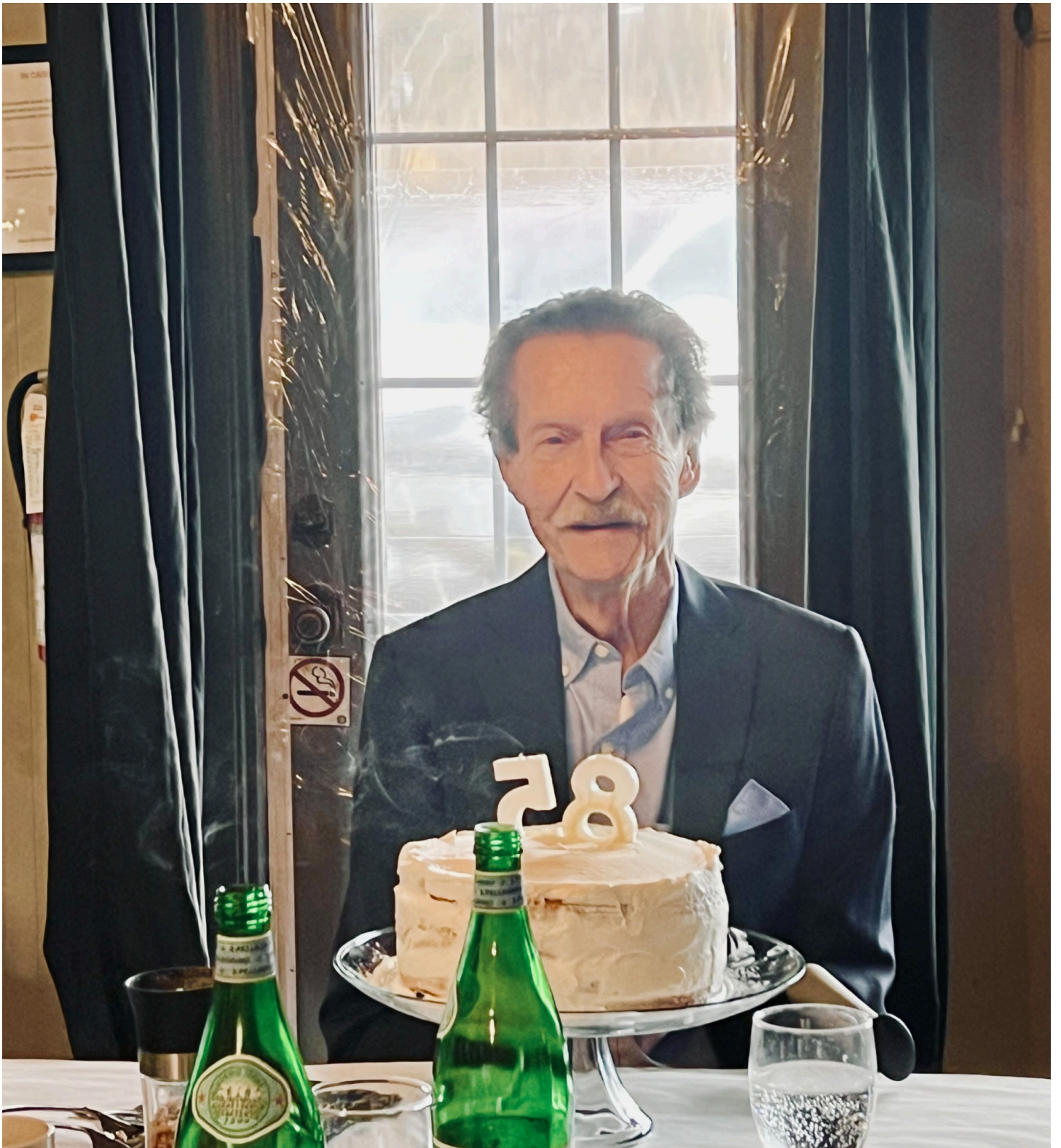
Derek Rumball

Prayers of the People

Diane Allengame

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of
his faithful ones. (Psalm 116:15)*

Ron's family thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy and support.
Please join them in the Great Hall immediately after the service
for a time of refreshment and fellowship.



May Ronald rest in peace and rise in glory!