



Acknowledgement and Invitation

Joe's family wish to thank you for being here today and for all your love and support at this time. If you have not already done so, would you please take the time to leave your name or a message for the family in the Memorial Book located in the Foyer.

Following this service, you are warmly invited to join the family for refreshments in the Kingswood Lounge, where you can share more memories of Joe.

Donations

You are invited to make a donation either to Wellington Free Ambulance in memory of Joe or to Te Omanga Hospice in memory of Heather and Joe's son John, by scanning one of the QR codes below.



Te Omanga Hospice



Wellington Free Ambulance

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WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER

Józef Tadeusz Gratkowski

26 SEPTEMBER 1936 - 1 MAY 2026



Joe

Kingswood, Upper Hutt
Saturday, 9 May 2026 at 10.00am

Celebrant: *Libby Carson*

Commencement Music
Fascination - Nat King Cole

Welcome and Housekeeping

Eulogy
Nicole and Christopher - Grandchildren

Tributes
Heather Gratkowski - Wife
David Gratkowski - Son
Suzanne Caulton - Daughter
Jane Ralston - Daughter (via video message)
Hannah Gratkowski - Granddaughter
Andrew Caulton - Son-in-law
Stella Caulton - Granddaughter
Natasha Parris - Granddaughter

Musical Interlude via Video Recording
A Polish Lullaby - Jane Ralston - Ta Dorotka

Photo Memories
The Way We Were - Barbra Streisand
Annie's Song - John Denver
I See the Light (from 'Tangled') - Mandy Moore, Zachary Levi

The Committal and Recessional

Psalm 23
Sylvia Caulton - Youngest Grandchild

Joe Gratkowski - Video Recording
A 5-minute interview

Recessional Song
The Last Farewell - Roger Whittaker



Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.