

**Cornwall Manor, Lower Hutt**  
**Friday, 29 December 2023**  
**at 10.30 am**

**Celebrant**  
Brian Ross

**Commencing Music**  
*Bella Istriana mia - Rudi Bucar*

**Welcome and Opening Words**

**Readings**  
*Ecclesiastes 3 : 1 - 8*  
*John 14 : 1 - 6*

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Remembering John and Family Tributes**  
Life Story - Graziella  
Other family  
Open Sharing  
Tributes and Messages from absent family and friends

**Psalm 23**

**Time of Reflection and Collection of Photo Memories**  
*My Way - Frank Sinatra*

**Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer**  
Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy Kingdom come;  
Thy will be done;  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.

**Messages**

**Closing Words**

**Recessional Music**  
*Time to Say Goodbye - Andrea Bocelli and Sarah Brightman*

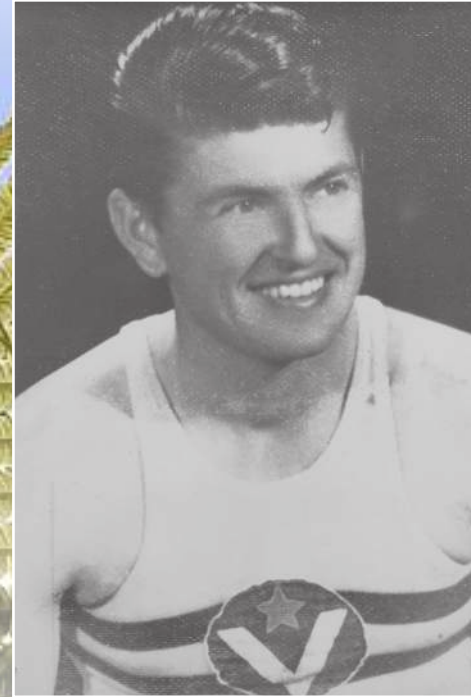
**Memorial Book**  
You are invited to sign the pages for the Memorial Book located in the foyer. This will serve as a permanent record of those present today.

**Donations**  
Anyone wishing to make a donation to St John Ambulance in memory of John may do so online at:  
[www.stjohn.org.nz/support-us/donate/christmas-appeal-2023](http://www.stjohn.org.nz/support-us/donate/christmas-appeal-2023)

**Invitation**  
John's family thank you for your presence today and for your kind words of comfort and support. Following this Service you are warmly invited to join the family in the Cornwall Manor Lounge for fellowship and refreshments.



*In Loving Memory  
Of*



Authentic, resilient, strong - **Nino**

Thank you Dad for passing on your strength, competitiveness,  
your can do attitude and your artistic talent  
(I won't paint coliseums or the tui, yours were the best). - **Graziella**

Thank you for teaching us to stand up for what we believe in, to be honest,  
have high standards, speak up regardless as to who it is you are talking to,  
to be giving, and help those that need help. - **Robert**

**My friend John - by son, Sergio**

Long days, long nights, many words spoken,  
Now the silence is deafening, and I am broken,  
Life's moments we shared, and adventures we had,  
My soul cast in stone, formed by Mum and Dad...thank you;  
A generational legacy of love passed to me,  
I now pass to my children and their family;  
Your life made a difference and that's all that God cares;  
A spiritual life form, now embraced in our prayers;  
The valleys of Mount Ross will whisper your name;  
And when I am there hunting, I will do the same;  
All the meaningful moments that I am grateful for, but never goodbye...  
My Dad...Papa...pups...my lifelong friend -  
now a twinkling star in the sky.

*John Ritossa*

*3 November 1929 ~ 6 December 2023*