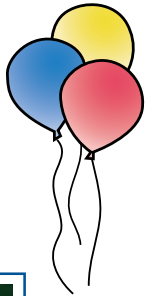




A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF OUR ANGEL
CODY DARREN SHEPPARD
"Cody Boy"



BORN 28TH APRIL 2004
LEFT US PEACEFULLY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2007

"Children are kisses blown to us by angels"

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH
10TH SEPTEMBER 2007

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

CODY DARREN SHEPPARD

“Cody Boy”

CELEBRANT: **Deacon John Lim**

OPENING SONG

A Whole New World (*Aladdin*)

OPENING PRAYER

To you, O Lord
we humbly entrust Cody Sheppard,
so precious in your sight.
Take him into your arms
and welcome him into paradise,
where there will be no more sorrow, no weeping nor pain,
but only peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit.
for ever and ever. Amen

EULOGY

Darren Sheppard

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 15:40-43

Therese Skelly

And there are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies; the beauty that belongs to heavenly bodies is different from the beauty that belongs to earthly bodies. The sun has its own beauty, the moon another beauty, and the stars a different beauty; and even among stars there are different kinds of beauty. This is how it will be when the dead are raised to life. When the body is buried, it is mortal; when raised, it will be immortal. When raised it will be beautiful and strong.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Psalm 61

Katherine Kearins

Hear my cry, O God;
Listen to my prayer!
In despair and far from home
I call to you!
Take me to a safe refuge,
For you are my protector.
Let me live in your sanctuary all my life;
Let me find safety under your wings.
You have heard my promises, O God,
And you have given me
What belongs to those who honour you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to Jesus, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms around them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear God
We thank you for the gift of Cody. He touched so many lives
and may our beautiful memories of him continue to enrich our lives.
Lord, hear us.
Lord hear our prayer

Dear God
Bless Darren, Sonia and Ben. May they be strengthened by the
knowledge that they filled Cody's short life with tremendous love.
Lord, hear us.
Lord hear our prayer

Dear God
Thank you for Darren and Sonia's families and friends who have supported
them throughout Cody's life. May they continue to be a source of strength.
Lord, hear us.
Lord hear our prayer

Dear God
Thank you for the wonderful medical staff at the Intensive Care Unit
and Paediatrics Ward. Continue to bless them in their work.
Lord, hear us.
Lord hear our prayer

Dear God
We thank you for all of the special people and organisations who
contributed to Cody's life and wellbeing in so many different ways.
Lord, hear us.
Lord hear our prayer

Dear God
We ask you to bless all those special children like Cody, and their families.
We thank you for the gifted people who work so compassionately to support
them, such as staff at Malkara School, Therapy ACT and Vision Australia.
Please continue to guide them in the special work they do.
Lord, hear us.
Lord hear our prayer

A REFLECTION OF CODY'S LIFE

Cody's Song *(By Kenny Loggins)*

When you feel afraid
When you lose your way I'll find you
Just try to smile
And dry your eyes
I will bring back the moon into your skies
Whenever you will
Remember darlin'
I'll be there to sing to you

I promise you, I promise to
Comfort you and sing to you
Darlin' I'll be there just for you

There's so much to learn
And when you want me
Then I'll show you
And through the years
You'll always be a lullaby in the heart
Of the child in me
Whenever you will
Remember darlin'
I'll be there to sing to you

I promise you, I promise to
Comfort you and sing to you
Darlin' I'll be there just for you

Hold it...Feel it
Music is in your heart
And when you need it
Just keep listening
Let it sing, let it sing

Though you go away
No matter how you change
I'll know you
When you tire of life alone
There'll always be one sure way back home

Just turn on the quiet
Close your eyes... and listen inside
Unconditional...unconditional...
Unconditional

I'll be there to sing to you
I promise you, I promise to
Comfort you and sing to you

Darlin' I'll be there
Anytime and anywhere
Cody I'll be there
Just for you.

STORIES OF CODY'S LIFE SHARED BY HIS COUSINS

COMMITTAL

CLOSING PRAYER

Most merciful God,
whose wisdom is beyond our understanding,
surround the family of Cody with your love,
that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss,
but have confidence in your goodness,
and strength to meet the days to come.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CLOSING SONG



Hakuna Matata (*The Lion King*)


Dear Cody
You are a little champion
I loved your smile and your
laugh and your never die attitude
I'll miss you heaps and never
forget you. You brought out the
best in a lot of people including
me. I'll miss you mate.
Love Luke.

To my Dearest little Codester,
You will be missed dearly, I'll always remember your
little giggles and smile when I played with you. You
an inspiration and will always be remembered as a
fighter.

xxx

Love you always Jess

Dear 
you have been through a lot and
now your free I will miss you
lots and keep you in my heart

love molly xxxooo

Dear my very special little cousin, cody,
I will always remember you for
that beautiful smile and that strong
little heart you have. You fought
through ~~the~~ hard times in your life.
It is amazing how much you dealt
with and went through. Rip
 From Laura

To Cody you were my
best friend and you
will always be my
best friend. I love
you no matter
what happens in
the end. I will
treasure your
very special
memories that we
had with
one another
love you
little man see
you in the
future XOXOX
Joe.

Dear Cody,

The way you
fought over the
years really surprised
me and made me
extremely proud but
I hope you are at
peace now and we
still will be looking
out for you as you
will be looking over
us as well.

And don't forget
to get tangled
up with the bulls?

R.i.p

Love always
Ads

Dear cody

I will Be crying you are happy.
to Be up with God! Love you cody
from Casey.



I will miss Cody, he died and
is with Aunty Ree.
Love Jaymee-Lee

Love Billy

We love you Cody
Kalob
Hayley
Bailey

Dear Cody
You are so beautiful.
I like it when I used to come home
from school and I read a book and you
keep on giggling every time I changed
the page.

I Love you Cody really much.
I miss you.

Love Becky Mcloy

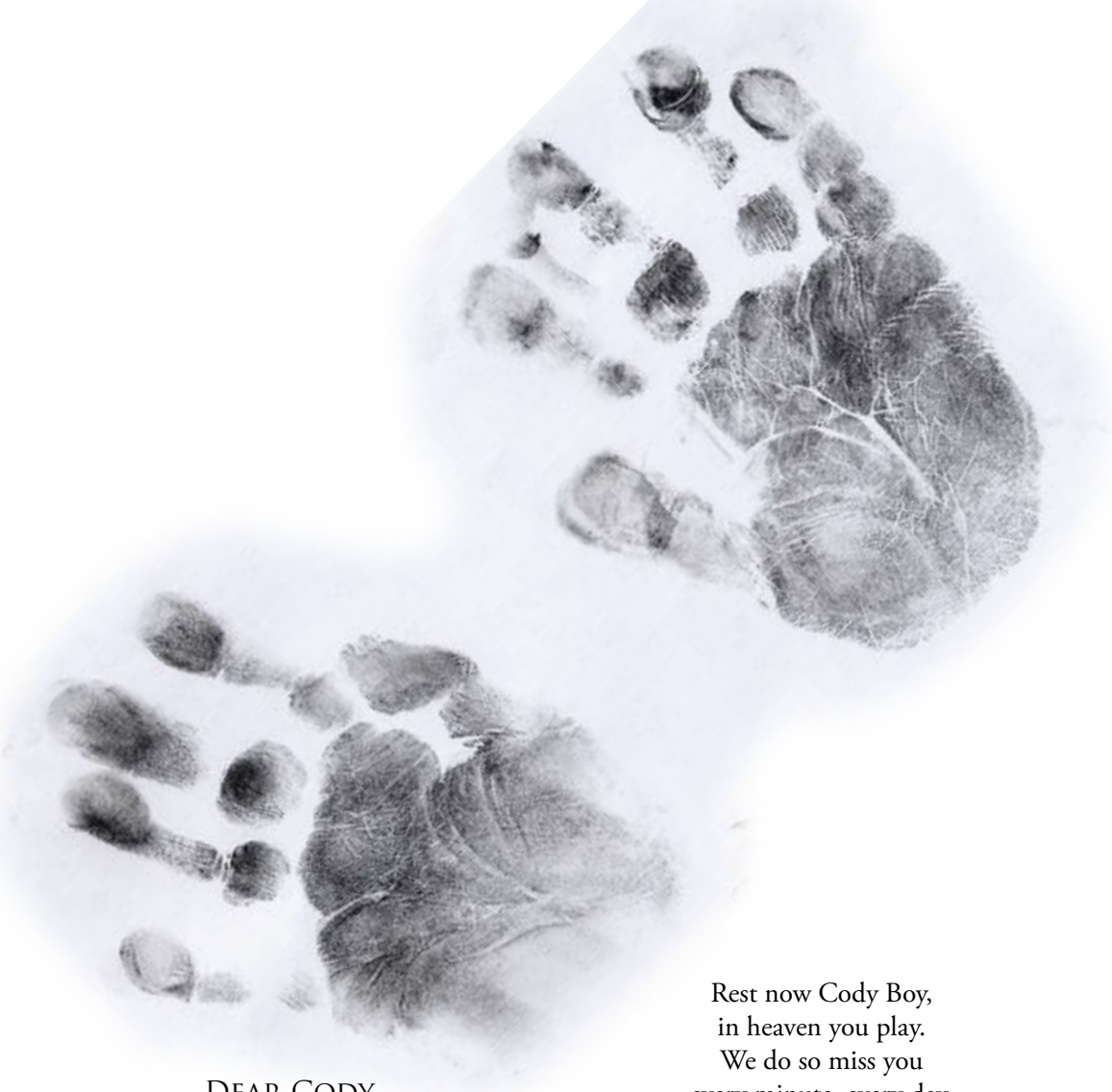


Dear Cody
I think I was very lucky
that you got to sleep in my bed
whenever you had a sleep over at
home. I will miss your snoring and
lullaby music.

Love Jack

Dear Cody,
I love you I hop you are
having a good time in heaven.
I will miss you lots and lots
I hope to see you soon I will
miss your laughs and smiles you
were a special little boy
and a very very cute boy
I will miss you so so so so so
so so much Love from
Sam xoxoxoxo

To Codsta
I love you so much
and I will miss you
more than anything
You were the toughest
little cousin I had.
and you always managed
to make me smile no matter what
I love you Cody and
I will always remember
you xox much love
Sarah



DEAR CODY

Rest now Cody Boy,
in heaven you play.
We will be with you
to hold you again one day.

Our time together so short,
we filled it with hugs.
We tried to protect you
but could only give you our love.

Rest now Cody Boy,
in heaven you play.
We do so miss you
every minute, every day.

We had lots of warning,
you were in so much pain.
But you leaving just hit us,
our lives are forever changed.

Rest now Cody Boy,
in heaven you play.
Now we are crying,
we carry so much pain.



Through all of our prayers,
the doctors and drugs,
Nothing could save you,
all that's left is our love.

Rest now Cody Boy,
in heaven you play.
What is it you're telling us?
Up in heaven, you're okay.

Our final goodbye,
the time never right.
We held you so close
but your future is now bright.

Rest now Cody
for in heaven you play.
Forever our Angel
to show us the way.



DARREN, SONIA AND BEN SHEPPARD WOULD
ESPECIALLY LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
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