

GOD SAW YOU GETTING TIRED

God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So he put his arms around you
And whispered "Come with me".

With tearful eyes we watched you
Slowly fade away.
And although we loved you dearly
We would not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove us
He only takes the best.

- MICHAÏLO -

Michailo was a child of the wars - born during WWI, he lost his family at a young age and started a new family during WWII with the love of his life, Maria.

Together with their two children, Valentina and Urick they arrived to Australia on the first refugee ship into Newcastle in August 1949 with their only possession being the clothes on their backs.

Both Michailo and Maria worked very hard to provide for their family that grew to 3 children with the birth of Anna. Close to their retirement they took over the care of 3 grandsons as well.

Michailo loved his vegetable garden, fishing and having a beer with his workmates, dancing with mum during their younger years and family barbecues where there would always be exuberant singing.

We remember Michailo would whistle away as he potted about in contentment when building things, fixing things, or working in the garden. Whatever needed doing he was always there trying to get it done - but be warned, it was always his way or no way at all!

Michailo was a tough disciplinarian and very stubborn but he had a deep abiding love for his family.

A lopsided fence still stands at his home of 60 years in Council Street which he rebuilt as his eyesight was failing. Old age and illness was not kind to Michailo in his later years as the body would not obey the brain.

*"May he be tinkering away to his hearts
content in heaven now"*

BEYOND THE SUNSET

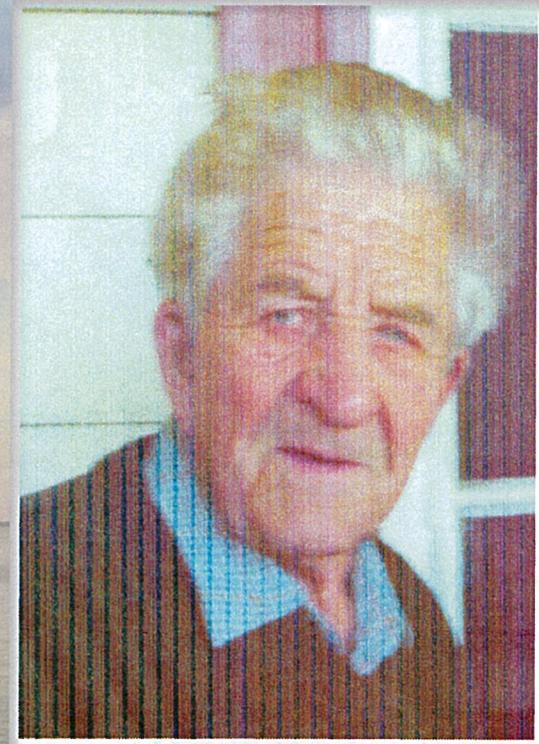


THANK YOU

Family and friends, thank you for sharing this funeral service with us today. Thank you for your care, concern and help.

You are welcome to join the family for light refreshments after the service in the church hall.

A LOVING TRIBUTE TO
MICHAILO "MICHAEL" KATONIN



12.09.1918 - 15.08.2015

- Aged 96 Years -

Service held on
Friday, 21st August 2015
at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Wallsend