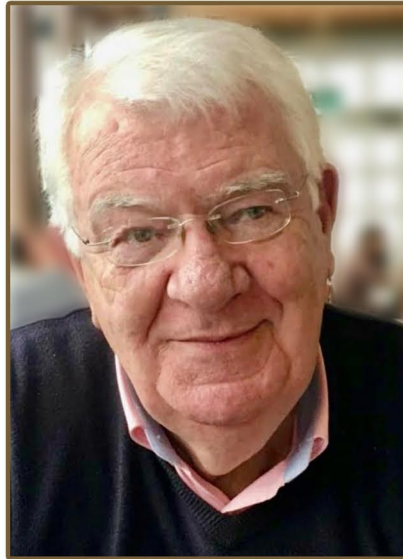


A Service to Celebrate the Life

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Jim Somers



Funeral Mass

Our Lady Mother of the Church

Castleknock

Friday: 23rd May 2025

11.00am

Celebrant: Fr. Denis O'Connor

Soloist: Cecelia Byrne

Harpist: Teresa O'Donnell

Entrance Hymn: *I Watch the Sunrise*

Gifts

Narrator: Edelle Collins

Gifts brought up by: Robyn Booth, Tom Booth and Daithí Harvey

Reading 1: Miriam O'Regan

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will destroy death forever

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food.
On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples,
And the shroud enwrapping all nations,
He will destroy death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek;
He will take away his peoples' shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said; See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation;
The Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The word of the Lord

Reading 2: Hilary Somers

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

I have fought a good fight to the end, I have run the race to the finish.

Be careful always to choose the right course, be brave under trials; make the preaching of the Good News your Life's work, in thoroughgoing service.

As for me, my life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm On Eagles' Wings

Gospel Acclamation Hymn

Prayers of the Faithful:

Readers: Jack Somers.

 Sophia Booth

 Vincent Flynn

 Ciaran Larkin

Offertory Procession: *Ave Maria*

Acclamation of Faith: *He is Lord*

Sign of Peace

Communion: *Pie Jesu*
 Panis Angelicus

Blessing of the Coffin

Instrumental: *Limerick Lamentation*

Irish Blessing: Breen Cassidy

Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the Lord.

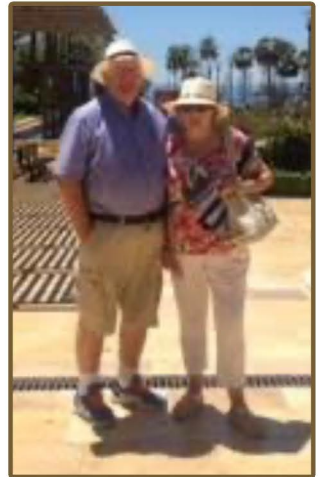
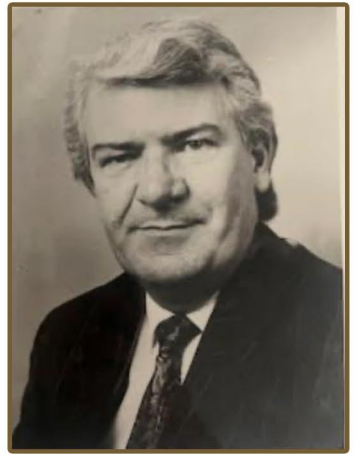
When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

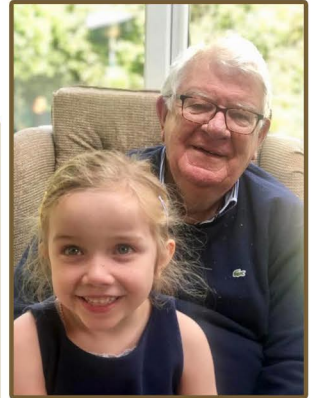
This really bothered him and he question the Lord about it. "Lord, you aid that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me".

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Eulogy: Nicola Somers

Recessional *Stardust by Willie Nelson*









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