

IN LOVING MEMORY

Darrell James Hayden

29th November 1949 – 13th November 2021

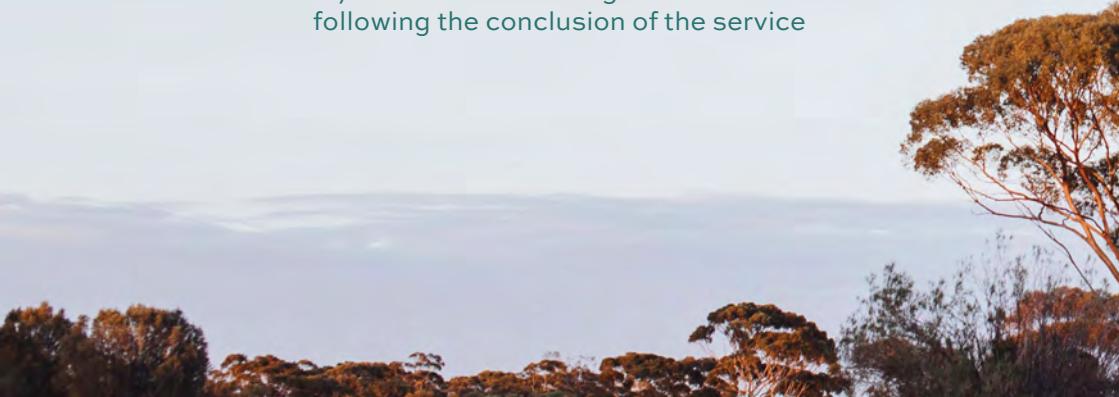


19 NOVEMBER 2021

PORT MACQUARIE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
MARANATHA PL, PORT MACQUARIE NSW

Processional	
Opening Remarks	Allan Rosendahl
Prayer	Allan Rosendahl
Hymn	Amazing Grace
Scripture Reading	Emily Littlewood Rom 8:35, 37-39
Life Sketch	Wade Warner Simon Bennett Noel Atkins
Words of Gratitude	Katrina Dorrough Lorraine Chambers
Picture Presentation	
Message of Hope	Pr David Kosmeier
Hymn	It is Well With My Soul
Benediction	Ian Rosendahl
Recessional Postlude	Whispering Hope (Gaithers-Larry Ford)

The family would like to invite guests to refreshments
following the conclusion of the service



Darrell James Hayden

Darrell James Hayden (a.k.a Bomber) passed away last Sabbath with his family/ children by his side at Wauchope District Memorial Hospital just a few weeks short of his 72nd birthday. It is fitting that his final days should be spent in Wauchope which is also known as the ‘Timber-Town-Capital’. Over an 8-year period, he fought a long, hard battle with two different cancers and bravely struggled to the very end.

The eldest son of Roy and Joan Hayden, Darrell was born on the 29th November 1949 in Lithgow Hospital. Roy was a timber cutter and Joan worked in retail as a seamstress and local florist. His family included two younger sisters, Lorraine and Julie. Coincidentally, his father shared the same birthday, but 22 years apart. Raised in a humble Christian home, his early years were spent in the Lithgow-Oberon district surrounded by cousins and a large extended family.

Their home life consisted of Friday night music with his mother on the piano or organ, Julie would play the guitar and Lorraine sung. Darrell’s participation was more of a conductor role. Whilst lying on the couch, he would say, “can you please be quiet”. When they stopped, he’d asked them to sing some

more! This pattern remained unchanged in his own family when his children were keen to demonstrate their amateur skills. However, the polite conversation was replaced with more frustrated and direct instructions – get... off.... that.... violin or piano! Despite these irritations, Darrell loved to relax listening to music. He loved his sister’s singing duets, his mother’s sacred records and became a big Gaither’s fan.

Unaccustomed to changing modern culture, his concept of domestic responsibilities was easily defined – “that’s women’s work”. Avoidance of domestic duties began at an early age. Darrell often excused himself from the dinner table to use the bathroom and didn’t surface again until the dishes were done. He was more interested in stirring trouble by flicking his sisters with the tea-towel than using it.

Darrell begun schooling at Wallerawang Public School and later the Seventh Day Adventist Schools at Lithgow and Bathurst. He wasn’t an easy child to teach, and his behaviour was far from the model student. Receiving the customary “6 cuts” at a time was a regular occurrence. Someone told him if you rub chalk on your hands, it won’t hurt as much because it will slip off. This didn’t work, so Darrell grabbed the cane, gave the teacher the “cuts” and ran home, refusing to return for days.



He preferred to ride his bike to school but carrying his school bag wasn't possible at the same time. The solution entailed landing the case at his sister's feet.... "Bub carry this". Her duties gradually widened, as he found more things for her to do, including making his bed. The experience required for delegation in his later occupation as a managing director had begun.

Eyesight difficulties weren't detected until late and became a barrier to school-based learning. Whilst the customary thick-set glasses improved his vision, it didn't assist with his enthusiasm about teachers and learning. School attendance gradually waned as he preferred to spend his days in the bush with his father and uncle, Morris Hayden. Darrell loved his days in the bush-learning environment free from the "cuts". It suited his boundless energy to work hard physically in the bush and yet still had energy to wrestle with his father on the backyard lawn afterwards.

At just 14 years of age, he officially left school and worked hauling telegraph poles with his father. This widened to supplying Coates, the local sawmill and later venturing out into supplying props to the local coal mines within the Lithgow region. He and his father were like two peas-in-a-pod, they worked together their whole lives and had a close father-son relationship. When Gary was old enough, he also joined the crew and spent days in the bush, learning the trade from his father. The 3 generations were all chip's-of-the-old-block.

Darrell always had an axe in his hand at a young age. Even when he wasn't supposed to, he decided to practice by chopping firewood, the precursor to his love of woodchopping. His sister Lorraine remembers receiving a child table & chair as a Christmas gift one year, but the new image was lost on Darrell who took to the table with a hammer and tomma-hawk axe to give it a rustic appearance. Mentored initially

by his father, grandfather, and uncle, dad became proficient in woodchopping techniques. The Hayden men always went to woodchopping events together and frequently travelled to various locations later with their families.

In 1969, a young new teacher arrived in Lithgow and despite his dislike to all things associated with education, Val became the new interest. Darrell always struggled to tell the truth about his age, and she thought he was much older than he was. Still, it wasn't long before Val and Darrell married and had their x4 children (Katrina, Lisa, Vanessa, and Gary) in just 5 very busy years. Darrell continued to pursue his interests around woodchopping, logging, machinery, current affairs, squash, and football. There were no dull or spare moments.

Darrell was an elite athlete. His stocky muscular physique and incredible hand-eye coordination saw him excel in the woodchopping arena, winning several World and Australian Championships and leaving behind enough trophies and ribbons to fill a museum. Much to his dismay, many of the trophies were accidentally broken by his young children and the ribbons placed in pillowcases occupying the space at top of the wardrobe. Darrell's display of sportsmanship was renown. Whilst his quiet humble character wouldn't boast, any loss was graciously accepted with encouragement and congratulations for others. Unfortunately, all good things came to end, and he reluctantly was forced to discontinue woodchopping following his cancer diagnosis. Recent evidence found on some ribbons demonstrate his complete disregard for their medical instructions. It should be noted, world champion woodchopping techniques were not required for the domestic supply of firewood. The backyard firewood chopping expert was his wife Val for nearly 50 years.

After 35 years, as mining methods began to change, Darrell's business interests moved towards harvesting

timber on the mid-north-coast. At the end of 1997, the family relocated to the mid-north coast and the saw-milling dream became a reality with the Hayden and Hoffman partnership at Kundabung. Darrell later acquired the Gum Scrub sawmill with his son Gary and together they began Hayden Timbers which has become a successful business with significant contributions to the local regional economy.

As Hayden Timbers kept expanding, so too did his family with the addition of sons-in-law Martin Dorrough and Dominic Minor followed by 8 grandchildren: Shanay Hayden; Emily, Jessica, and James Dorrough; Solomon, Michaela, Monique & Sophia Minor. He also had the pleasure of fulfilling Morris Hayden's grandfather role to Isaac & Jaya Hayden when Katrina and Martin welcomed two more children into their home. Darrell enjoyed sharing his love of the mill and machinery with the grandchildren. His work ethic has been passed down through the generations.

Darrell loved socialising and had an extended network of close friends which have continued throughout his life. He loved the smoko – a time to tell stories, laugh and have fun with his mates. Whilst

family holidays only involved travel around woodchopping arenas, strong friendships later helped him to broaden his horizon beyond the woodchopping arenas with international travel.

A few years ago, Darrell remarried Lorraine Green and with her daughters Belinda, Edwina and their families – he continued to enjoy a semi-retirement. Darrell continued to maintain an active interest in the affairs of the business, friends, and his family til his final weeks of life.

*Timber does not grow with ease:
The stronger the wind,
the stronger the trees;
The further sky, the greater length;
The more the storm, the more the strength.
By sun and cold, by rain and snow,
In trees and men good timbers grow.*

Douglas Malloch



Major Woodchopping Achievements

- 1968 Australian Junior Champion
- 1982 Perth - 11" Standing Block World Champion
- 1985 Lavington - 12" Standing Block World Champion
- 1988 World Championship Double Handed Sawing with Matt Bush
- 1992 World Championship Double Handed Sawing with Steve Kirk

- 1993 Auckland NZ - 13" Standing Block World Champion
- 1995 Won Brisbane Show - Hard Hitting
- 12 Australian Standing Block Championships 1982-1995
- 4 Australian Representative team to New Zealand 1986, 1992-1993 & 1995





Our family wishes to express our deepest appreciation for the expressions of love and comfort through prayers, calls, meals, visits and other acts of kindness during this period of our bereavement.

We would like to thank the staff of the Mid North Coast Cancer Institute, Wauchope Palliative Care Unit and Mid Coast Funeral and Creation Services for their care and commitment to our family.



“Listen, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised”

1 Corinthians 15:51-21 NKJV