

# Celebration of Life

Please join us to celebrate the life of our  
forever Brother



# Fanie Kotze

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✝ - 06 / 01 / 2025

## Eulogy

Death leaves a heartache only God can heal, Love gives us memories no one can steal. Forever treasured as a partner, dad, brother, uncle and friend.

## Church service

Priest Derick van der Merwe

## Hymns

~ Choir ~

In The Garden

The Old Rugged Cross

~ Congregation ~

Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Genade Soet En Wonderbaar (Amazing Grace)

Gloria Patri

## Tribute

Brandon Brooks

## Acknowledgements

Jacques Brooks



# Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling  
Calling for you and for me  
See on the portals He's waiting and watching  
Watching for you and for me.

## ~ Chorus ~

Come home, come home  
Ye who are weary come home  
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling  
Calling, O sinner come home.

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading  
Pleading for you and for me  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies  
Mercies for you and for me.

Amen

# Genade soet en wonderbaar (Amazing Grace)

Genade, soet en wonderbaar  
Wat my tot redding dien  
Ek was verlore, is gespaar  
Was blind en kan nou sien.

U Heil'ge Gees het my geleer  
En ook van vrees bevry  
Hoe kosbaar is genade weer  
Want dis die Heil vir my.

Die groot gevaar en bange nood  
Het ook my weg gegaan  
Maar toe vind ek genade groot  
n Weg vir my gebaan.

Amen

## Gloria Patri

Amen, Amen, Amen. Glory to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning Is now, and ever shall be World without  
end.

Amen



My dearest Boetie, words cannot fully express the gratitude and love we feel. Thank you for being such a monumental presence in our lives and for being our pillar of hope and strength. Your unwavering support, kindness, and love have touched us in ways we cannot fully describe. We are eternally grateful for the profound impact you have made and for the wisdom and guidance you have provided. You will always hold a special place in our hearts, forever. Love you lots.

~ Jou Willa & Jacques ~

Oom Fanie, ons harte is stukkend. Maak nie saak wat aan gegaan het nie oom Fanie het ALTYD n glimlag op oom se gesig gehad en gesê dinge sal uitwerk soos dit moet. Ons gaan oom se sag hart vreeslik baie mis! Dankie vir al die onvergeetbare raad. Ons sal al die kuiers en pool games baie na aan ons harte hou. Rus nou saggies, sê hallo vir Ouma en Oupa.

Baie lief vir oom Fanie, vir altyd.

~ Clayton & Anushka ~

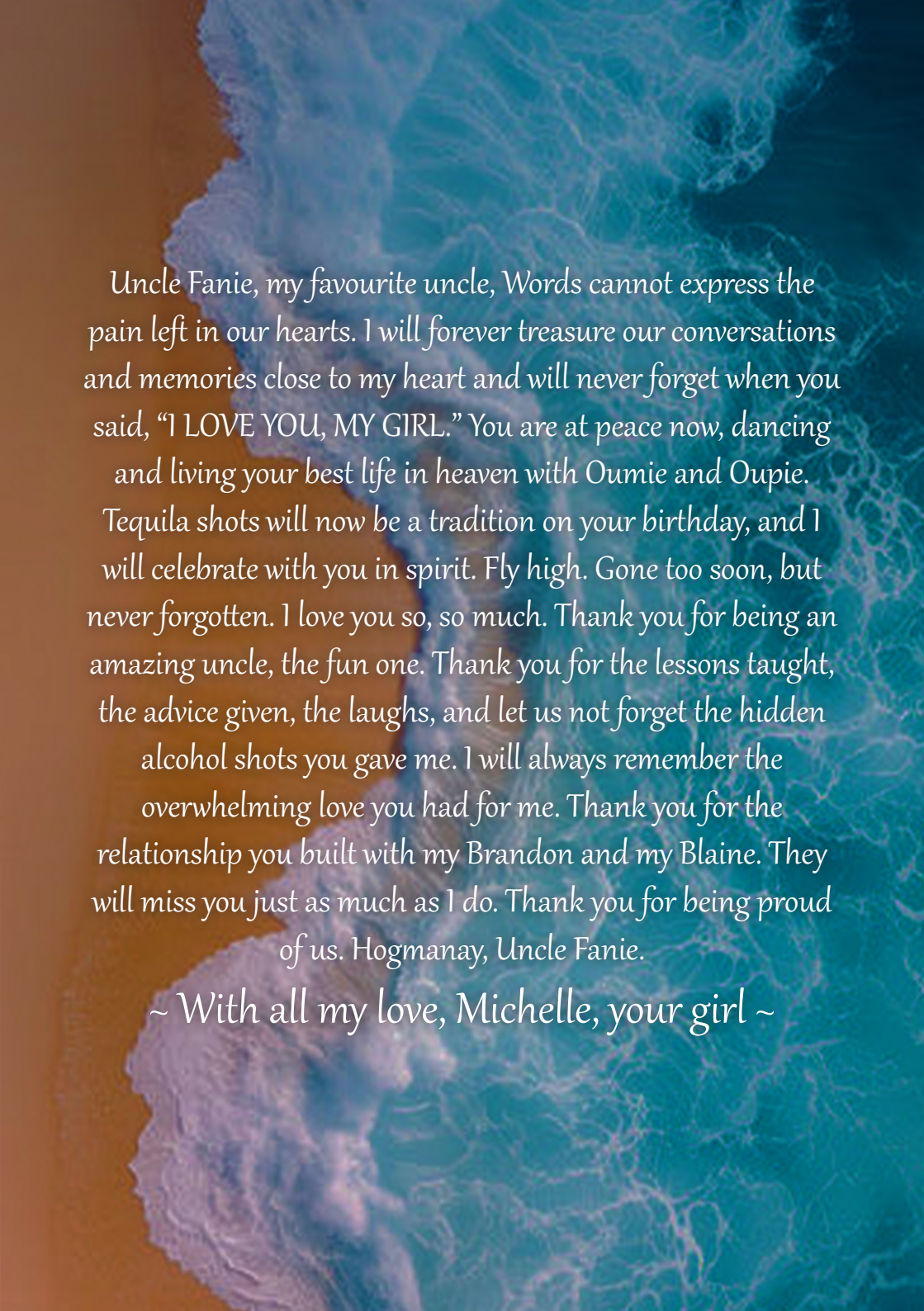
Dear Uncle Fanie, Thank you for being my wingman. Thank you for the relationship advice and the support you gave me. It was such a blessing to have had you stay with me during your time in SA, and I am grateful for the time we got to bond. I will forever cherish your words about how proud you were of me and how amazed you were at the man I became. I will always remember when I gave you a hard time, you'd joke and ask if I wanted to bleed now or later, and somehow one of us would always end up bleeding - either from bumping our toes or hands on something! You cared for us deeply, and we felt that love from you. May you enjoy your eternal happiness and peace. Please send my regards to my Ouma's and Oupa. Love you lots.

~ Bullet (Brandon) ~

Hi Fanie, ons het nie baie gepraat nie, maar wanneer ons wel gepraat het, was dit goed. Jy het altyd jou suster se belange op die hart gedra. Ek kon dit sien wanneer jy my soms vroeë gevra het en die opmerkings wat jy daarna gemaak het. Dinge het nie altyd maklik gegaan nie, maar jy het altyd probeer, en dit het saak gemaak. Jy sal gemis word.

~ Liefde Claud ~





Uncle Fanie, my favourite uncle, Words cannot express the pain left in our hearts. I will forever treasure our conversations and memories close to my heart and will never forget when you said, "I LOVE YOU, MY GIRL." You are at peace now, dancing and living your best life in heaven with Oumie and Oupie. Tequila shots will now be a tradition on your birthday, and I will celebrate with you in spirit. Fly high. Gone too soon, but never forgotten. I love you so, so much. Thank you for being an amazing uncle, the fun one. Thank you for the lessons taught, the advice given, the laughs, and let us not forget the hidden alcohol shots you gave me. I will always remember the overwhelming love you had for me. Thank you for the relationship you built with my Brandon and my Blaine. They will miss you just as much as I do. Thank you for being proud of us. Hogmanay, Uncle Fanie.

~ With all my love, Michelle, your girl ~

Liefste Fanie, Ons gaan jou baie mis en het altyd uitgesien na jou besoeke. Ons sal nooit die “opleiding” vergeet wat jy vir ons gegee het oor hoe om waatlemoenskywe te sny nie. Ons sal ook die oproepe koester en hoe jy na my as ‘TANTE’ verwys het en gevra het hoe dit met ‘OOMPIE’ gaan. Jy sal vir altyd in ons harte bly.

~ Baie liefde, jou TANTE & OOMPIE  
(Elize en Hennie) ~

Liewe Fanie, “Dieselfde hand wat jou aan die slaap gesus het sal jou wakker maak met die opstandingsmôre” Dit was Jesus se wil om jou so vroeg te kom haal. Ons harte is stukkend maar berus in Sy wil. Dankie dat jy so lief was vir ons mamma. Jou plekkie is leeg op aarde, maar die hemel is n engel ryker. Sê groete vir oupa Han en ouma Lettie! Rus sag boeta!

~ Fanie & Yvette, Quartus & Dollie,  
Babsie & Alta ~



Hello oom Fanie, ek onthou nog die tye wat ons in my ma se voorhuis GTA 5 op die Xbox gespeel het, en jy my geleer het hoe om met n tank in die military base te kom sodat ek jets kon steel en war hou met die NPC's. Ek sal dit nooit vergeet nie, ek gaan oom Fanie mis, ons almal gaan.

~ Liefde Dylan ~

Boetie, ek het nie woorde nie. Dit voel steeds onwerklik! Ek wag nog steeds vir 'n boodskap van jou wat sê: "Kan jy chat?" As ek geweet het verlede week sou die laaste keer wees wat ons ooit sou gesels, sou ek soveel dinge gesê het. Maar ek weet jy het presies geweet wat jy vir my beteken het. Ek het jou so lief! Jy was die beste ouboet waarvoor enige iemand ooit kon vra! Ons het soos mal mense baklei, maar ons het mekaar ook met dieselfde intensiteit liefgehad. Jy was my beskermmer en het my dikwels nederig gemaak met die dinge wat jy gesê het! Dankie dat jy my liefgehad het, dankie dat jy nooit opgegee het op my nie, en dankie dat jy altyd daar was vir my. Rus sag, my dierbaarste Stephanus Johannes Petrus Padda! Jy sal vir ewig in my hart leef, en ek sal nooit die vreugde vergeet wat jy in my lewe gebring het nie!

~ Liefde jou Sus Lucia ~

## My Partner, my Liefie.

Liefie, there are no words to describe the huge hole in my heart. At the same time I feel so lucky that I got to love and be loved by you. Thank you for all the laughs and the adventures that I will be able to hold onto as precious memories. We made so many plans for our future including getting married and travelling and I will still go to the places we spoke about as I know you will always be with me. Thank you for seeing me for everything I am and teaching me how to dream again. Your watch is over, my love. I can't wait to see you again, to hug you and hold your hand and be your girl.

~ Sandra ~





# A Poem for our Boetie



You never said I'm Leaving  
You never said goodbye  
You were gone before we knew it  
And only God knew why  
A million times we needed you  
A million times we cried  
If love alone could have saved you  
You never would have died  
In Life we loved you dearly  
In death we love you still  
In our hearts you hold a place  
That no one could ever fill  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone  
For part of us went with you  
The day God took you Home.

## A Special Message

*“Think twice before sending a message, for once it’s sent, it cannot be recalled, and the damage may already be done. Always remember me as the ‘good guy’ and cherish the wonderful moments we shared together.”*

*~ Fanie (Nov 2024) ~*



*“Die HERE sal jou seën en jou behoed:  
die HERE sal Sy aangesig oor jou laat skyn en jou genadig wees;  
die HERE sal Sy aangesig oor jou verhef en aan jou vrede gee.”*

*– Númeri 6 v 24-26*