

In 2005 Oscar and Irene moved into an Independent Living Unit at Tanunda Lutheran Home. While living there in retirement, he served;

- for ten years as chairman of the Tanunda Lutheran Homes Independent Living committee, and
- as a driver for the Tanunda Lutheran Homes residents, as well as for the Barossa Community Transport and Barossa Enterprises.

Oscar was a member of the Tanunda Leidertafel male choir for about 10 years and an active member of Probus. He also enjoyed, among a number of interests, cycling. Over several annual visits, from late younger brother Arnold, they cycled in stages, from Tanunda to Angaston and finally to Gawler. The highlight of one of these cycling adventures was when Oscar and Irene visited Arnold and Loris in Wilmington. The young lads, aged in their mid to early eighties, rode from the top of Horrock's Pass down to Stirling North near Port Augusta, about 23kms. Oscar also enjoyed, and in retirement, regularly played golf. He was privilege to play in a variety of countries, at different times throughout the day and in various weather conditions.

As tough as Oscar sometimes made out his life was, he often recounted that, together with Irene, his life's partner of a bit over 66 years, he was indeed mindful and grateful for:

- all of her support, throughout his teaching career and associated moves.
- the ability to experience both overseas and local travel. One of the highlights, in the year 2000, as Group Leader, to Europe which included the Oberammergau Passion Play.
- many valuable true friendships locally and abroad.
- the comfortable and interesting living in his retirement.
- thoughtful and supportive family even when they lived in quite distant places.

On June 14th, 2021 Oscar gratefully and humbly received a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in recognition of his many years of involvement with and service of a number of different communities. (Note the theme of service, inspired by the way God serves us, that comes through the songs Oscar chose for his funeral).

Oscar was also mindful, while he had many achievements and experiences, that Jesus is the one who completed and guaranteed the greatest reward for all of us through his life, death and resurrection: **"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be Praised"** (Psalm 48). A quote Oscar found that tells you something about his faith, the hope he lived with and the hope he died with, reads: "Death is not extinguishing the light, but rather putting out the lamp because the dawn has come".

Oscar died suddenly on Friday morning 29th of March 2024, two days short of his 92nd birthday. Many could imagine he would say, 'Missed out on some of the cake again.'

Left to remember and celebrate his life are

His wife, Irene

Three sons, Philip, Michael and Timothy

Three daughters-in-law Jenny, Cindy and Tania

Seven grandchildren: Jessica, husband Jason; Andrew, wife Tess; Charlotte, husband Jeremy; Taylor, husband Josh; Blake, fiancée Megan; Kaleb, wife Helene; and Cody, wife Victoria.

Four great-grandchildren: Aston, Hugo, Adele and Matthias

Three sister's – in-law, many nieces and nephews and their families

also many friends, colleagues and students who were impacted by his loving servant heart.

If you want to know any more details about Oscar's life, get a copy of the book. Oh wait, most of you have probably already received or been lent a copy.