

## Malcolm Zimmerman – In Memory

Malcolm Zimmermann of Ipswich, passed away on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2024 after a long illness. Malcolm worked for many years in the Lae community as a builder, not for the Mission Church.

His parents were Alwin and Clara [nee Jaeschke, from Taplan, SA] Zimmermann, married in 1944<sup>1</sup>. They arrived in New Guinea on May 13, 1947, and were appointed to Madang. Alwin later served as store man, carpenter, caretaker at the hospital, engineer, and mechanic. He then was at the Lae workshop.

After schooling Mal undertook an apprenticeship in carpentry and building with Watkins Pacific Builders (Watpac) of Lae, where he spent most of his working life.

Mal met and married Marie Nuske, whose parents were also LMNG lay missionaries in Ampo. They had three children, Darryl, Adrian and Heidi. In retirement they moved initially to Fernvale Queensland, and then to the outskirts of Ipswich. Mal passed away after a long illness. Among his funeral attendees was a group of friends who worked both for LMNG, and the NAMASU company, in the late 1960s to the mid-1970s.

Malcolm's surviving siblings are Kathryn and Grace. His brother Michael predeceased him.

Malcolm's funeral was on Friday morning, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Grace Lutheran Church, Riverview/Ipswich.

1. [Reference: Seedtime and Harvest, 1961].

## A Eulogy

Today, we gather to honor the life and memory of Malcom John Zimmerman, a beloved older brother of mine. In the presence of grief, we find solace celebrating a life lived with unwavering faith and a profound commitment to Jesus. Malcolm exemplified what it means to walk with the Lord. His life was a testament to the power of faith, grace, and love. Each day was marked not just by words but by actions that mirrored the teachings of Jesus – a life dedicated to kindness, compassion, and selflessness.

Mal's devotion was not confined to mere rituals or Sunday services. It was a vibrant, daily journey of prayer, reflection, and service to others. He understood that faith is not just a set of beliefs but a way of living – a constant striving to live in accordance with God's will.

In moments of joy, Mal praised the Lord, recognizing every blessing as a gift to be cherished and shared. In time of trial, he turned to his faith for strength, finding comfort in the promise of eternal life and the belief that God works all things for good for those who love Him.