

Speech

Grandpa

- Julian always said to my mother as I was growing up, that I should be taught to speak properly, referring to my New Zealand Accent, unfortunately I failed, so you'll have to endure my funny way of speaking for a few minutes.
- I have the privilege of being Canon Harvey's Grandson, while growing up in New Zealand, I wasn't overly close to my Grandpa until my later years when I moved to the UK.
- There are three key traits that I saw in my Grandfather that resonated with me, and are what I really think defined him as a person:
 - Firstly his Love;
 - His love for Julian, and his Family was palpable
 - Grandpas devoted love for Julian was immense; I will never forget visits to the Millhouse (Julians care home) with Grandpa, the nurses would often admire him as he was the only person to come almost every day to see Julian (where others would leave it weeks to see there loved ones). Even through the latter part of Julians dementia, where apart from her physical appearance it was sometimes hard to see much resemblance of Julian, Grandpa would still be there, day in day out, faithfully.
 - Secondly his selflessness;
 - Grandpa was the most selfless man I have ever known
 - Always putting other people first, Grandpa never ceased to amaze me when it came to helping others. Whatever his task at that present moment would be deferred until he has helped the person in crisis.
 - He would drop everything and counsel a marriage in crisis, or take the train into London to specifically drop cash off to homeless families in need
 - He also speaks in his book, *drawn three ways* about trusting people, after someone he was involved with in a charitable venture betrayed his trust, Grandpa quotes: "*It is always better, to trust someone even when that trust is betrayed, than to withhold trust when it would have been deserved.*" I think this quote summarises the kind of selfless person Grandpa was, and his willingness to help anyone without judgment.

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- Thirdly his hospitality;
 - I spent a lot of time in Willersey with Grandpa in his later years. It provided an escape from the hustle and bustle for myself and many others.
 - He would drive you anywhere you needed to go, which during the latter stages of his life I politely declined because of his slightly dubious driving (the evidence was the dents in side of the car)
 - His frugal and simple way of life, often meant that Mendelsohn cottage was a step back through time, freeing us of our seemingly insignificant problems that we hold.
 - He would give perspective and sound advice, so you would leave feeling reassured in life.
 - With these three traits, I feel, are testament to Grandpa's faith, tolerance and goodwill throughout his life
 - I am honoured and privileged to have gotten to know Grandpa so well in his later years. Canon Harvey has taught us so much, leaving a legacy that I am ever so proud of, and he will always have a special place in my heart. I'm sure many of you would have ben touched by Grandpa in some way, and I thank you for coming here today, to remember what a special man he was.