

9 Squadron Royal Australian Air Force



Flight Lieutenant Everitt Murray “Lofty” Lance

7th June 1971



Remembrance Service

The 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam Tour 1971

09.00 am

Sunday, 6th June 2021

Woden Cemetery, ACT

Master of Ceremonies:

Robert Whelan

We gather today to pay respects to the memory of our departed comrade and friend
Everitt Murray Lance.

We recall with gratitude the privilege of knowing him, and we express our sincere sympathy to his
remaining family, relatives, loved ones and friends.

For those of us who have not been here previously, it might seem like a funeral.
For those who have been here previously, it is more like a remembrance.

Introduction Welcome:

Tony Cox 3 RAR

Today we are fulfilling a promise we have made to Everitt at the time of his death.

A promise that we have repeated many times over the years.

Today we have the opportunity to do that in person.

We have not forgotten you Everitt Murray Lance.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Robert Whelan

Words were spoken on the 4th of October 1971 at the cross of Long Tan by members 3rd Battalion RAR.

For the friendships we have made.

For the help and understanding we have known.

For the experiences we have shared together

We thank you for your safekeeping

For those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

We ask that you care for their soul and grant them peace.

We ask that you give strength and courage to those who have been wounded.

We thank you especially for the love of our families and friends and

We acknowledge the comfort and strength they have afforded us in time of war.

We ask that grant continue blessings upon us and our loved ones. AMEN

Address: *Colonel Peter Scott, DSO, (Rtd), (Commanding Officer 1969-1971)*

Obituary: *Wing Commander Robert Redman CSC RAAF (Ret'd) 9SQN 1970 - 71)*
Personal Reflections of Lofty

Prayers: *Robert Whelan*

Let us pray for all who have suffered as a result of war:

We pray for all who have been broken in battle.

For those who weep.

For those who feel anguish and for those who have lost the capacity to feel.

For those who carry the pain of past conflicts. Lord, in your mercy

All: *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who have helped Veterans in their efforts to participate in the general community.

Lord, in your mercy

All: *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for those who mourn their dead, for those who have lost husband or wife, children, or parents.

We pray Lord God that you would sustain and encourage them through their grief.

Lord in your mercy

All: *Hear our prayer.*

Let us pray that we will continue to serve our nation in whatever capacity we are able; particularly we pray for those who have been affected by the pandemic. We remember our friends and comrades who cannot be here at this moment of fellowship. Lord in your mercy...

All: *Hear our prayer.*

A Prayer for the Royal Australian Air Force

O Lord our God, who has given us dominion over earth, air and sea. We ask you to be present with us who are called to serve our country in the Royal Australian Air Force. Give us courage, a steady nerve and ready mind. Sustain us in days of preparation, in the daily routine of servicing and weary waiting. Be with us in time of sudden peril and grant that under your mighty protection we may be preserved in body, soul and mind. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Australian Defence Force:

We pray for the members of the ADF: God our creator, protect and guide the men and women of the Australian Defence Force in peace and war. Give to those in positions of authority wisdom in their decisions and concerns for those under their command and give courage and dedication to those who serve. We especially pray for our Defence personnel serving in places of danger such as Afghanistan, Iraq, the Solomon Islands, East Timor and with the United Nations in various places around the world. Give us success in preserving the peace we enjoy today so that all Australians may enjoy peace in the future.

For Peace:

Father of all, we are your family, and you call us to live together as brothers and sisters. Help us to overcome the barriers that divide people and nations. Bless every effort being made to bring peace and understanding to the world, so that we may learn your ways and serve your will. Amen.

