



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Michiel 'Mike' James Thompson

30 August 1937 - 24 March 2023

Don't be sad that I have gone, just be glad that I have been

Welcome to this Service to Celebrate the Life of

MIKE

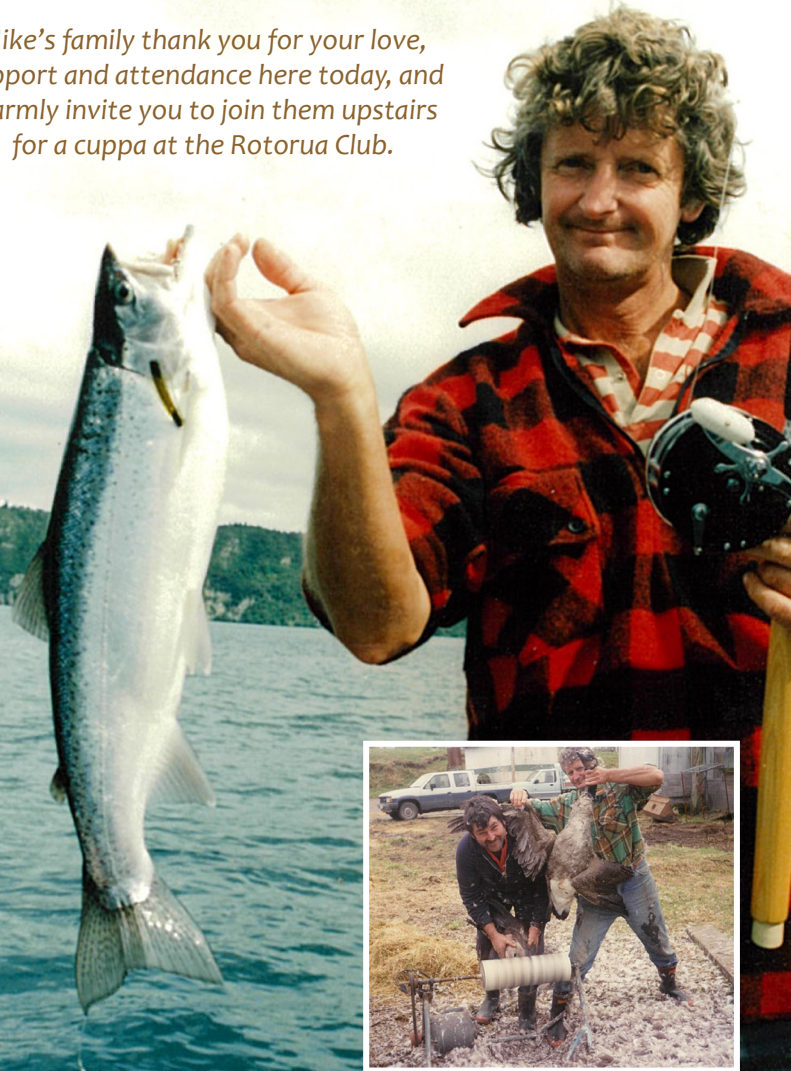
Service held at The Rotorua Racecourse Arawa Lounge at 1pm

Officiating: Wayne Thompson

Funeral Directors: Collingwood Funeral Home

FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2023

Mike's family thank you for your love, support and attendance here today, and warmly invite you to join them upstairs for a cuppa at the Rotorua Club.



Death Is Nothing At All

By Henry Scott Holland

Death is nothing at all,
I have just slipped away into the next room.
I am I, and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

Call me by my old familiar name,
Speak to me in the easy way you always used.
Put no difference in your tone,
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed,
at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me.
Let my name be ever the household word it always was,
Let it be spoken without an effort,
Without the ghost of a shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was;
There is absolutely unbroken continuity.
What is death but a passage of life?
Why should I be out of mind, because I am out of sight?
I am but waiting for you, for an interval,
Somewhere very near, Just around the corner.
All is well.

