

Cassie Campion opening remarks

Cassie was strong

...strong from when she was little girl Rachel's age

Determined...

Always on the go with soccer, athletics, riding her bike... she would never sit still...

Steve and Cassie had 18 years together... but the fact that they stuck together for so long – through many challenges and ups and downs, is again a reflection of her strength... and with that determination she provided for her family... and was the rock...

As a mother – she was proud, protective... nurturing open and honest relationships... she did and would do anything for them...

and her strength was evident again as he dealt with appalling disease which took her life... her strength one of the reasons she stayed with us so long – way longer than anyone thought possible....

Today we gather to grieve... to say 'this sucks' ... and say it together – and be here for one another as we express how we feel...

But we also want to give thanks for life... her love... her example... her legacy... and her trust in Jesus...

And finally we'll ask the question whether that trust in Jesus Cassie had, has anything to say to us today...