



**STATE FUNERAL PROGRAM FOR THE LATE
SIR FRANCIS BILLY HILLY, GCMG,
FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF SOLOMON ISLANDS.**

WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH 2025



**The Late Sir Francis Billy Hilly
20 July 1948 – 10th March 2025**

STATE PROGRAM

**OFFICIAL PROGRAM FOR THE LYING-IN-STATE OF THE LATE SIR FRANCIS BILLY HILLY
GCMG, AT THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT
DATE: WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH 2025**

7:20am- The Casket of the late Sir Francis Billy Hilly is taken to the National Parliament

8:00am-1:00pm-The Casket of the late Sir Francis Billy Hilly is Lying in State in the Chamber of the National Parliament.

Public Viewing of the body of the late Sir Francis Billy Hilly (See order of Public Viewing) Book of Condolence open for Dignitaries at the National Parliament (only for VIPs)

ORDER OF VIEWING THE BODY OF THE LATE SIR FRANCIS BILLY HILLY, LYING- IN-STATE AT THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT CHAMBERS

8:15am- H.E the Acting Governor General Hon. Patteson Oti and Madam Oti

8:20am- The Prime Minister Hon Jeremiah Manele and Madam Manele

8:25am- The Chief Justice Sir Albert Palmer and Lady Palmer

8:30am- Former Governor Generals, Prime Ministers and Speakers and Chief Justices

8:35am- The Deputy Prime Minister Hon Bradley Tovosia

8:40am- Cabinet Ministers, Leader of Opposition and Leader of the Independent Group

8:45am- Members of Parliament, the Lord Mayor and Provincial Premiers

9am-9:30am- Members of the Diplomatic Corp followed by the Consular Corp.

9.35am to 10am- Head of Churches, Constitutional Post Holders, Heads of International and Regional Organizations, and Chief Executive Officers of SOEs and the Private Sector, NGOs and Solomon Islands Scouts.

10:15am- 11.15 am - All Government Ministries in this order:

- The Government House
- Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- National Parliament Office
- Ministry of Public Service
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs & External Trade
- Ministry of Finance & Treasury
- Ministry of Commerce, Labor & Immigration
- Ministry of Development Planning & Aid Coordination
- Ministry of Health & Medical Services
- Ministry of Agriculture & Livestock Development
- Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resources
- Ministry of Land Housing & Survey
- Ministry of Education & Human Resources Development
- Ministry Home Affairs
- Ministry Provincial Government & Institutional Strengthening
- Ministry of Women, Youth, Children & Family Affairs
- Ministry of Forestry and Research
- Ministry of Mines, Energy & Rural Electrification
- Ministry of Rural Development
- Ministry of Police, National Security & Correctional Services
- Ministry of Justice & Legal Affairs
- Ministry of Culture and Tourism
- Ministry of Infrastructure Development
- Ministry of Communication & Aviation
- Ministry of Environment, Conversation, Meteorology & Disaster Management
- Ministry of Traditional Governance, Peace and Ecclesiastical Affairs

11:15-11.45am - NGOs. Civil Society Groups, family Members/Friends/The Public

12.40pm - Casket of Late Sir Francis Billy Hilly is taken to the Wesley Unity Church

1 pm - Church service starts

**FUNERAL SERVICE OF THE LATE
SIR FRANCIS BILLY HILLY GCMG,
FORMER PRIME MINISTER
WESLEY UNITED CHURCH
19th March 2025**

OFFICIATE: Refer to Church Program

MASTER OF CEREMONY: Mr. George Herming, Director GCU/PMO

VENUE: Wesley United Church

ORDER OF ARRIVAL

11:30 am - Arrival of Congregation and Government Officials

12:20pm - Arrival of Dignitaries, Members of Parliament
and Ministers of the Crown

12:40pm - Arrival of Chief Justice Albert Palmer and Lady Palmer

12:45pm - Arrival of Prime Minister Hon. Jeremiah Manele, MP

12:50pm - Arrival of H.E the Acting Governor General Hon. Patteson
Oti and Madam Oti

1.00 pm - Arrival of Casket of late Sir Francis Billy Hilly at the Church

***All stand in silence as the procession lead by church clergy march in with the casket. PRT
Police Platoon (casket bearers) will parade in with the casket, followed by family
members.***

Funeral Service - REFER TO CHURCH PROGRAM.

- 1. Welcome:** As per Church Program
- 2. Prayer of Invocation**
- 3. Hymn:** Refer to Church Program
- 4. Prayer:** Refer to Church program
- 5. Bible Readings:** Refer to Church Program

6. **Eulogy:** Gov't Rep – TBC
Family Rep – Family Members
Friend Rep – Mr. Philip Kapini

7. **Reflection** Refer to church program.

8. ORDER OF LAYING OF WREATHS

MC to officiate the laying of the wreath

- H.E the Acting Governor General Hon. Patteson Oti and Madam Oti
- Prime Minister Hon. Jeremiah Manele MP and Madam Manele
- Chief Justice Sir Albert Palmer and Lady Palmer
- Former Governor Generals, Prime Ministers, Speakers and Chief Justices
- Ministers of the Crown & Members of Parliament
- Honiara City Mayor
- Provincial Premiers and Members of Provincial Assemblies
- Members of Diplomatic Corps (Dean to lead) followed by Consular Corps
- Senior Government Officials
- Church Clergy
- Relatives and Friends
- Immediate Family members of late Sir Francis Billy Hilly

9. **Words of Thanks** - Mr. Moses Virivolomo
10. **Closing Hymn:** - Refer to church program
11. **Commissioning Prayer Benediction** - Refer to church program
12. All stand while RSPF Bearers carried out Casket from the Church
(followed by family members)
13. (Remain standing) Acting Governor General and Madam retires
14. Prime Minister and Madam retires (remain standing)
15. Chief Justice and Lady retires (remain standing)
16. Dignitaries and Congregation retires
17. Congregation retires
18. Casket of late Sir. Francis Billy Hilly will depart Wesley United Church and transported to the Aola Patrol Boat Base with Police escort in a *slow procession* drive. Patrol Boat will depart Honiara between 4-5pm.

SIR FRANCIS BILLY HILLY.

Brief Biography.

- ❖ He was educated at the Government Primary School in Honiara (1958-1962), King George VI School (q.v.) (1963-1966), and then at University of the South Pacific (1968-1973), where he was a representative on the Students' Council and the first student to graduate with a B.A. (Administration).
- ❖ Before entering politics, he worked as a District Officer (1974), as Clerk to Makira Province (1975), and then as Manager of the British Solomons Trading Company in Gizo (1976).
- ❖ Late Hilly entered the Legislative Assembly as the member for Ranongga/Simbo in 1976.
- ❖ Parliamentary Service
 - Elected to the National Parliament of Solomon Islands for Ranongga/Simbo Constituency in 1976. Re-elected in 1980, 26 May 1993, 6 August 1997, 5 December 2001 and 5 April 2006.
- ❖ Parliamentary Appointments
 - Chair, Parliamentary House Committee from 10 May 2006 to 22 December 2007.
 - Chair, Public Accounts Committee from 15 November 2004 to 5 December 2005.
- ❖ Ministerial Appointments
 - Minister for Commerce, Industry and Employment from 22 December 2007 to present
- ❖ Leader of the Opposition from 14 July 2004 to 4 April 2006.
- ❖ Leader of the Opposition from 1994 to 1995.
- ❖ Prime Minister from June 1993 to November 1994.
- ❖ Minister for Home Affairs.
- ❖ Minister for Health and Medical Services and Deputy Prime Minister.
- ❖ Qualifications
 - Bachelor of Arts (Administration), University of the South Pacific
 - King George Sixth Secondary School.
- ❖ Occupation before entering Parliament
 - Member, Western Provincial Assembly
 - Administrative Officer Solomon Islands Government
 - Company Manager
 - Self-Employed Businessman