

Families' plea for Cannonball to stay



About 300 turned out to pay their respects to the family of 22-year-old race official Timothy Linklater ... killed in the Cannonball Run

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The grieving families of two Territory officials killed in last week's Cannonball Run made a plea yesterday for the event to continue.

More than 300 people paid their respects to the family of Timothy Linklater, 22, at a ceremony yesterday morning before moving on to the burial site at the Thorak Regional Cemetery.

His brother Simon wore a Pink Floyd *Wish You Were Here* T-shirt in memory of his brother's love for the music.

Later that day a similar crowd attended a service for Keith "slim" Pritchard, 32.

Among the mourners were Chief Minister Marshall Peron and Cannonball Run race organisers Allan Moffat and Graeme McVean.

A collection of local speedway vehicles and cars entered in last week's ill-fated event took part in pro-

cessions to honor both men.

Darwin Baptist Church Reverend Paul King said Mr Pritchard lived and loved motor racing.

Mr King said: "No one ... would have wanted to prevent Keith from doing what he loved best.

His father-in-law Les Monaghan said: "Keith would have wanted the Cannonball Run to continue.

"With words from his own mouth he would have said 'life goes on'."

Volunteer

The two volunteer marshalls died when an F40 Ferrari driven by Akhiro Kabe and his navigator Takeshi Okano crashed into a checkpoint, 95 km south of Alice Springs.

Kabe and Okano also were killed.

Mr Pritchard leaves his wife Susan and children Daniel, Nicole and Wyn.

Mr Linklater is survived by his parents Roger and Celia and brothers Simon and Matthew.

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Among the mourners at Keith Pritchard's funeral was race organiser Allan Moffat (right)