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# Rita Hazel Kerry

6th January 1938 - 7th August 2023

Thursday 24th August 2023  
at 10.30 am

Bramcote Crematorium,  
Reflection Chapel





# *Order of Service*

taken by Reverend Mike Wagstaff

## *Entrance Music*

Yours  
by Vera Lynn

## *Words of Scripture, Opening Prayer and Welcome*

by The Reverend Michael Wagstaff RN

## *Eulogy*

## *Reading*

Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3: verses 1-15

## *Hymn*

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

*Henry Francis Lytle (1793-1847)*

## *Prayers*

## *Hymn*

O love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee:  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller, be.

O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee:  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee:  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain  
that morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee:  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms red  
life that shall endless be.

## *Prayers of Commendation*

### *Reading*

The Gospel Of The Resurrection  
Luke, Chapter 24: verses 1-5

## *The Committal*

### *Exit Music*

You Belong To Me  
by Jo Stafford