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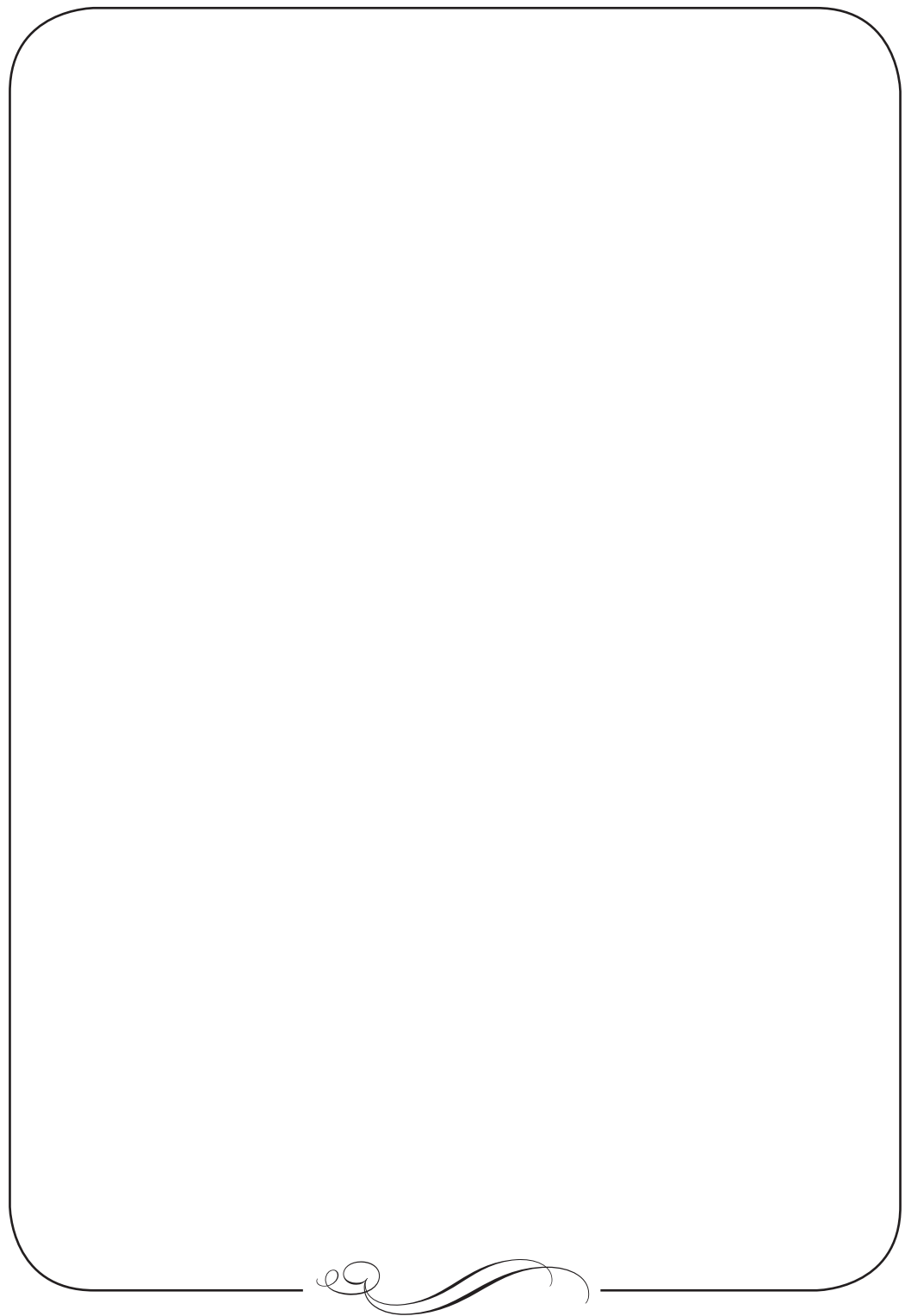
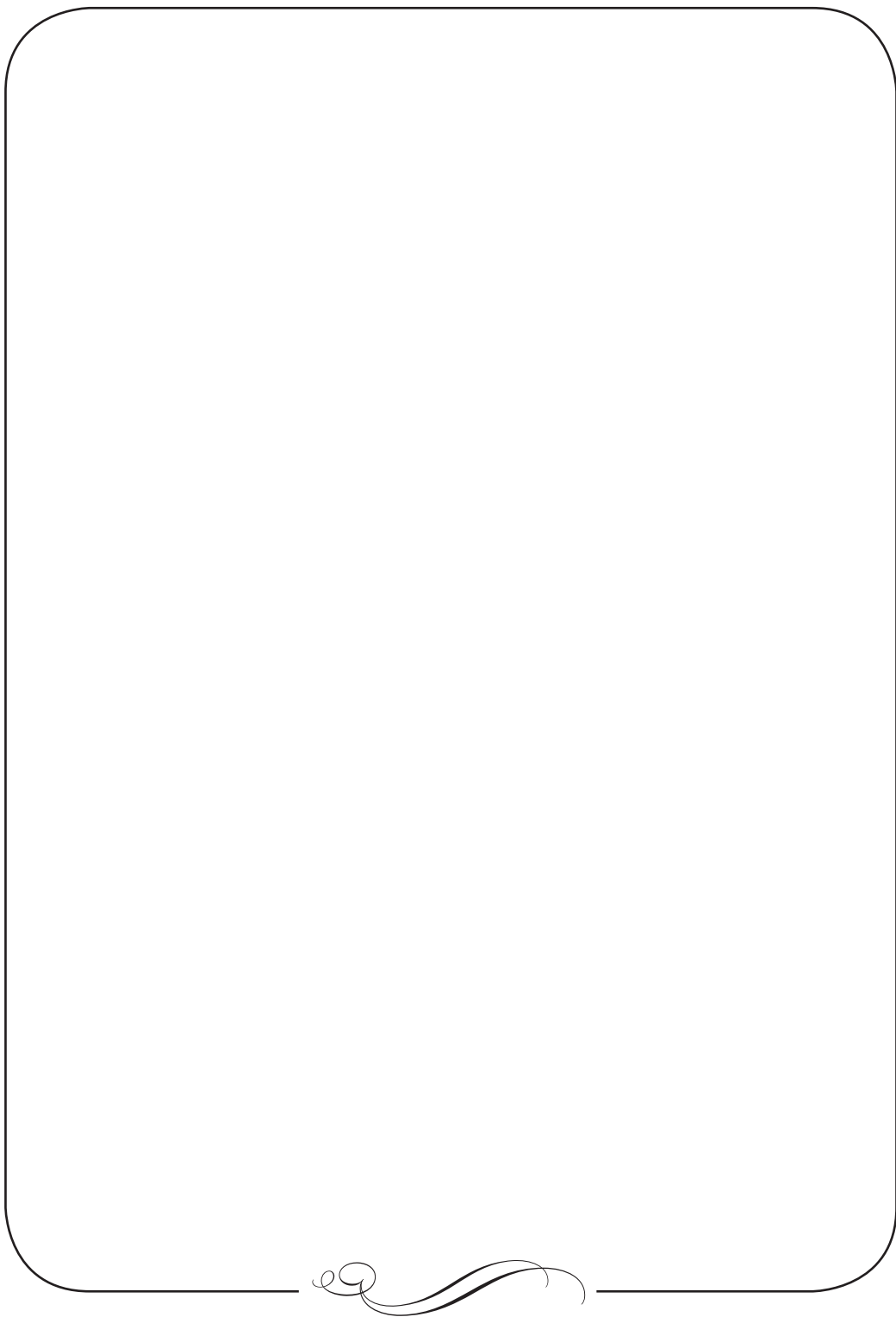
**Alan John Birch**

31st August 1939 - 22nd August 2024

Gedling Crematorium

Friday 18th October 2024  
at 11.00 am





**Farewell**

**Closing Words**

**Music on Leaving**  
(Simply) The Best  
by Tina Turner



**Music on Entry**  
Everybody's Talkin'  
by Harry Nilsson

**Welcome and Introduction**



## Poem

To Those Whom I Love And Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do,  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,  
But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess  
How much you've given me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love that you have shown,  
But now it is time I travelled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It is only for a while that we must part,  
So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.  
And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,  
All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home'.



## Alan's Life

### Music for Reflection

Close To You  
by the Carpenters

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

