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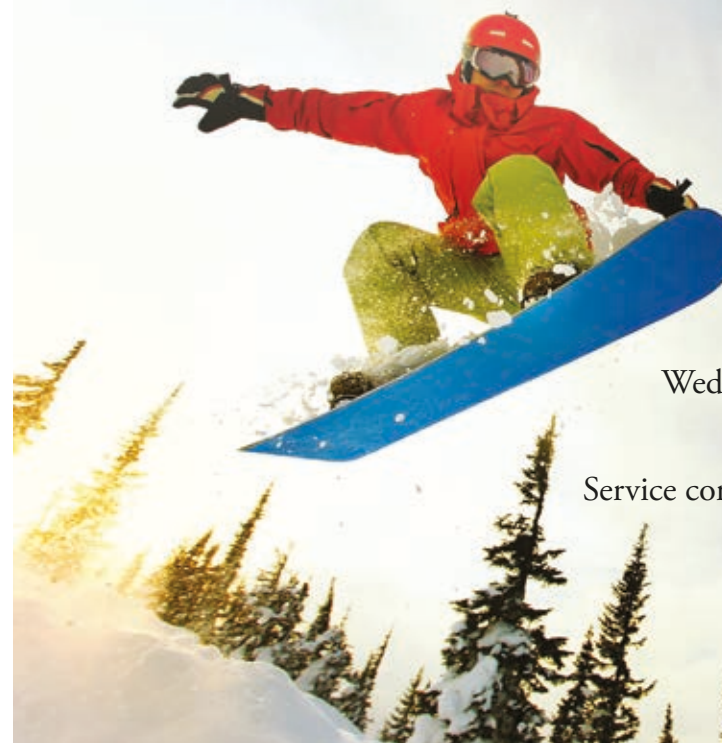
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In Loving Memory  
of

*Graham David  
O'Keefe*

23rd June 1980 - 7th March 2019



Mansfield Crematorium  
Wednesday 20th March 2019  
at 11.45 am  
Service conducted by Annette Terry

## *Closing Words and Committal*

*Entrance Music*  
Yellow by Coldplay

*Introductions and Welcome*  
Celebration of Gray's life



*Poem*  
Bro

When we were younger  
We were inseparable,  
Our bond could never be broken.  
You would pick me up when I fell down,  
No one better could be chosen.

Our hopes and our dreams  
Were so entwined,  
It's like we shared our hearts and minds.  
I cherish those times,  
I wish there was a way that I could rewind.

When times were tough  
You kept me strong, our laughter was our remedy.  
The time we spent, just me and you, are all my best of memories.

When you left, I know there's more, as I feel you all around me;  
I hear your voice loud and clear when everything gets cloudy.

I'm writing this from my heart with tears on the paper.  
It don't feel right to say goodbye,  
So I'll just say 'See you later.'

*Exit Music*  
The Whole Of The Moon by The Waterboys



## *Litany*

I invite you to join in a litany of memory for Gray.  
Please respond to each line that I read with the words,

**'We remember him.'**

When we are weary and in need of strength,  
When we are lost and sick at heart,

**We remember him.**

When we have a joy we crave to share,  
When we have decisions that are difficult to make,  
When we have achievements that are based on his,

**We remember him.**

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,  
At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,

**We remember him.**

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer,  
At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

**We remember him.**

At the rising of the sun and at its setting,

**We remember him.**

As long as we live, Gray too will live, for he is now a part of us,

**As we remember him.**

## *Poem*

Daddy's Little Girl

If I had my life to do over,  
I'd have chosen you to be my dad once more;  
Even if it meant losing you again,  
It's worth all the tears in the world.

You were my sunshine  
When skies were grey;  
I loved you and honoured you,  
You took my tears away.

I was happy to be with you,  
Proud to be your little girl,  
We never had a crossed word  
And to me you mean the world.

Your love was always pure,  
You treated me as your own;  
Your time seemed all too brief,  
And now I feel alone.

What can I take from this?  
My heart is completely crushed;  
But nothing loved is ever lost,  
And you are loved so much.

*Eulogy*  
read by Annette Terry

*Reflection Music*  
Sing by Travis

*Poem*  
Son

No words we write could ever say  
How sad and empty we feel today.  
The Angels came for you  
Much sooner than we planned.  
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes  
And we'll try our best to understand.  
Gray, why did you have to go away?  
Why wasn't it right for you to stay?  
In our hearts Gray will always be.  
We love you dearly and we know you'll watch over us.  
What we're suffering seems so unfair,  
But one thing is for certain,  
Our love for you will always be there.

Gray, our son you always will be,  
The most important part of our hearts' memory.  
We'll cherish the moments we held you in our arms,  
And we're sure that if you had stayed longer  
You would have continued to grace us with your charms.  
A thousand words won't bring you back,  
We know because we've tried.  
Neither will a thousand tears,  
We know because we've cried.  
Now you're up in Heaven  
With the Angels up above,  
They will take our place for now  
And they'll give you all their love.  
So go and rest in peace now,  
My little boy so dear, our loving son so dear,  
For all our love and memories  
We will hold forever near.