



The family would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support at this sad time.

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# A Celebration of the Life of Ralph George Vincent Smith

31st August 1942 - 4th July 2023



Thursday 3rd August 2023  
Bramcote Crematorium,  
Serenity Chapel  
at 2.00 pm





A person wearing a cap and a jacket is fishing in a boat on a large body of water. The person is holding a fishing rod and is looking towards the water. The background shows a vast expanse of water with some distant land or structures visible on the horizon. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

**CLOSING WORDS**

**MUSIC ON LEAVING**

The Wonder Of You

Elvis Presley with the Philharmonic Orchestra

**ORDER OF SERVICE**



A person wearing a cap and jacket is fishing in a boat on a large body of water. The person is holding a fishing rod and reel. The background shows a vast expanse of water under a hazy sky.

**MUSIC ON ENTRY**

The Power Of Love  
Jennifer Rush

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

**FAREWELL**

**POEM**

Do Not Stand At My Grave

Do not stand at my grave and weep;  
I am not there, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glint on snow,  
I am the sun on ripened grain,  
I am in gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning hush,  
I am swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circling flight.  
I am the star-shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry;  
I am not there, I did not die.

*Mary Elizabeth Frye (1905 – 2004)*

### 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.

### HYMN

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;


*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die - I scarce can take it in:  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin;  
*Then sings my soul...*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!  
*Then sings my soul...*

*Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)*



A person wearing a cap and jacket is fishing on a boat. The background shows a vast body of water under a hazy sky. The person's hands are visible in the foreground, holding the fishing rod and reel.

**RALPH'S LIFE**

**MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

Can't Help Falling In Love  
Elvis Presley with the Philharmonic Orchestra

**POEM**  
He Is Gone

You can shed tears that he is gone,  
Or you can smile because he has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back,  
Or you can open your eyes and see all he's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,  
Or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember him and only that he's gone,  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,  
Or you can do what he'd want:  
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

*David Harkins*