

To Celebrate the Life of



MICHAEL TERRENCE DARKER

27th January 1943 - 24th December 2021

Mansfield Crematorium, Thoresby Chapel

Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 1.15 pm





ORDER OF SERVICE

Led by civil celebrant, Rachel Snowball

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

'Gabriel's Oboe'

André Rieu and the Johann Strauss Orchestra

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS



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 will come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,
Or you can be full of the love that 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 is 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 Michael would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

David Harkins (adapted)

A full-page background image of a beach at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the sky and the ocean. The sky is filled with soft, white and pinkish clouds. The ocean waves are breaking gently onto the sandy beach, creating white foam. The sand in the foreground is smooth and shows some tracks from the tide.

EULOGY

REFLECTION

Music: 'Stand by Me'

Karen Gibson and the Kingdom Choir

POEM
One At Rest

Think of me as one at rest,
For me you should not weep.
I have no pain, no troubled thoughts,
For I am just asleep.
The living, thinking me that was
Is now forever still
And life goes on without me now,
As time forever will.

If your heart is heavy now
Because I've gone away,
Dwell not long upon it, friend,
For none of us can stay.
Those of you who liked me,
I sincerely thank you all
And those of you who loved me,
I thank you most of all.

And in my fleeting lifespan,
As time went rushing by,
I found some time to hesitate,
To laugh, to love, to cry.
Matters it now if time began,
If time will ever cease?
I was here, I used it all,
And now I am at peace.

AJ Stanley

A serene sunset over a beach. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky and the water. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds that catch the light of the setting sun. The ocean waves are gentle, with white foam washing onto the sandy beach. The sand is a light, golden-brown color, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and nostalgic.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

CLOSING WORDS

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

'I Just Called To Say I Loved You'

Stevie Wonder



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

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