

A Celebration of Life  
for



# Karen Janet Williams

11th January 1964 ~ 19th November 2017

Wilford Hill Crematorium  
Wednesday 13th December 2017  
at 2.40 pm

# Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC  
More Than A Woman - Tavares

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

TRIBUTE PART 1

*'Always a pleasure, never a chore;  
Paint on a smile before you walk out that door.'*

POEM

For Karen

*written by Bryn Telfer and read by Karen's friend, Jason Kelby*

Karen will be sorely missed,  
A wonderful person but a nightmare when pissed!  
A boss, friend, mother, a counsellor of woes;  
Anyone sensible wouldn't tread on her toes.

She moulded and shaped us  
Like the queen of a hive,  
Sorted the wheat from the chaff  
And only the strong would survive.

She taught us a lot that we carry for life,  
Like AAPNAC, and how to polish a knife.  
A perfect hostess to all in her bar,  
Treating complaints politely 'til they took it too far.

An astute businesswoman who never stopped crafting;  
Fresh ideas and promo's to give the competition a shafting.  
Rewarding hard work to those in her charge,  
Getting us pissed after work and giving it large.

A mother figure and confidante, a lioness too;  
She'd never accept customers being rude to you.  
We have flashbacks and nightmares of hearing her shout:  
"Where the fuck are my staff? Get this FOOOOOD OOUT!!"

When she wed Danny, we thought she might mellow;  
It turned out we often felt sorry, poor fellow.  
Firm but fair management, generous not greedy;  
They even bought a house to shelter the needy.

Then Morgan came out, we thought he might change her,  
But with the mother bear instinct, she became more of a danger.

She gave us respect, we were loyal to her;  
If she felt disappointed, her wrath you'd incur.

But joking aside, we all loved her dearly;  
We're all reminiscing and can see her quite clearly.

We argued, we bitched, we hugged and we laughed;  
We were a big happy family and our mother has passed.

But sadness and tears she wouldn't want either;  
Just go and get wasted on Bacardi Breezer.

With love and affection, Bryn.

### **REFLECTION**

Young Hearts Run Free - Candi Staton

### **TRIBUTE PART 2**

#### **TRIBUTE**

*from Karen's husband, Danny*

#### **REFLECTION**

Music: 'Listen' from *Dreamgirls* - Beyoncé

### **CLOSING BLESSING OF REST**

#### **RECESSIONAL**

Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now - McFadden & Whitehead

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

Memorial donations for the  
**British Heart Foundation**  
may be left in the box provided  
on leaving the service, sent care of  
A.W. Lymn  
The Family Funeral Service  
or left online at  
[www.lymn.co.uk/obituaries](http://www.lymn.co.uk/obituaries).

Everyone is welcome to Squares,  
in the city centre, after this ceremony.

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