A Thanksgiving Service for the Life of



Raymond Geoffrey Dean 'Ray'

A treasure to all who knew him

15th September 1943 - 6th January 2022

Christ Church, Long Lane, Ashbourne at 11.30 am followed by burial in the churchyard Friday 11th February 2022

Order of Service

Opening Music

Welcome and Opening Words by Reverend Jacqueline Stober

A Prayer

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring!
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress!
Praise Him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness!

Father-like, He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows. In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes, Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as His mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face:
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;
Dwellers all in time and space,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)



Tribute to Ray

Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation:
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Poem

Ray's Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of Ray as gone away, Ray's journey's just begun; Life holds many facets, The Earth is only one.

Just think of Ray as resting From the sorrows and the tears In a place of warmth and comfort Where there are no days and years.

Think how Ray must be wishing
That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away.

And think of Ray as living
In the hearts of those he touched,
For nothing loved is ever lost
And he was loved so much.

Ellen Brenneman

Prayer

and

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.

Blessing

Closing Music

The service in church is followed by burial in the churchyard.



The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the cards of condolence, words of comfort, kind support and sympathy shown to them during their recent sad times.

Please join the family in continuing celebrations of Ray's life at The Great Northern, Station Road, Mickleover, Derby DE3 9FB.

Donations in memory of Ray are invited for Ward 404 and the Renal Unit at Royal Derby Hospital.

These may be enclosed in the envelope provided and left in the box as you leave church, given online at

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