
TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF



Ronald Alfred Crofts
'Ron'

26th March 1930 ~ 25th July 2021

Main Chapel, Markeaton Crematorium
Thursday 5th August 2021 at 1.30 pm

Order of Service

Conducted by Reverend James Lindsay

Opening Music
Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5
from *The King's Speech*
André Rieu

Welcome and Introduction

Scriptures of Hope

Prayers for Comfort

Gospel Reading

John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6 and 26-27

Jesus said: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions. If that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

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)

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.

Tribute to Ron

Personal Tribute

by dear friend, Barry

Music for Reflection

The Way We Were ~ Gladys Knight and The Pips

Committal Reading

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains,
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip,
he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you.
The Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm,
he will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

Commendation and Farewell

Poem

Flying West

I hope there's a place, way up in the sky,
Where a good bloke can go when they have to die.
A place where a guy can buy a cold beer
For a friend or a comrade whose memory is dear.

Just a quaint little place, kind of dark, full of smoke,
Where they like to sing loud, and love a good joke.
Where the whiskey is old and laughter is young,
And the songs about living and loving are sung.

Where you'd see all the fellows who'd "been there" before
And they'd call out your name as you came through the door.
Who would buy you a drink, if your thirst should be bad,
And relate to the others, "He was quite a good lad!"

And then through the mist, you'd spot an old guy
You had not seen for years, he'd just catch your eye.
He'd nod his old head and grin ear to ear,
And say, "Welcome, my son, I'm proud that you're here!"

They've come here to at last to be safe from the noise,
Where the hours are happy, and these good ol' boys
Can relax with a cool one, and a well-deserved rest;
"This is Heaven, my son - you've passed your last test!"

Captain M. J. Larkin

Prayer and Blessing

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, now and for evermore.
Amen.

Closing Music

My Way ~ Frank Sinatra

Gary, Sue and family are very grateful for your kindness,
cards, flowers and words of support, which have been
a great comfort to them at this sad time.

You are very warmly invited for refreshments, after the service, at
The Breadsall Priory Hotel, Moor Road, Derby DE7 6DL.

*I am convinced there is nothing, in all creation,
that will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans, Chapter 8: verses 38-39

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