

A Celebration of Life  
For  
Muriel Thatcher

19<sup>th</sup> March 1941 ~ 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023



Portchester Crematorium  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
2.30 p.m.

Officiant ~ Mrs. Sylvia Corke

## **Opening Music**

'Flowers of the Forest' ~ Royal Scots Dragoon Guards Band

## **Opening Address**

### **Poem ~ Think of Me**

*Recited by Andy Earl*

I am not gone, I never left,  
Though through your tears you were bereft.  
For I am waiting in the room next door,  
Where one day we'll be together, forever more.  
Think of me in a flower, think of me in the rain,  
Think of me when you hear the larks' sweet refrain.  
Enjoy the warm sunlight, I'll chase away the cold,  
Cherish what we shared, and your heart will never grow old.  
For this is my love, that I bestow on you,  
To be always there in whatever you do.  
Walking in the breeze, or watching the clouds sail by,  
Just remember me, I never did die.

### **Tribute to Muriel**

Sylvia Corke

### **Music for Personal Reflection including Visual Life Tribute**

'Hallelujah' ~ Il Divo

## **Second Address**

## **Poem ~ As We Look Back**

*Dedicated to Muriel from her loving family*

As we look back over time  
We find ourselves wondering.  
Did we remember to thank you enough?  
For all you have done for us.  
For all the times you were by our sides  
To help and support us.  
To celebrate our successes,  
To understand our problems  
And accept our defeats.  
Or for teaching us by your example,  
The value of hard work, good judgement,  
Courage and integrity.  
We wonder if we ever thanked you  
For the sacrifices you made  
To let us have the very best.  
And for the simple things,  
like laughter, smiles and times we shared.  
If we have forgotten to show our  
Gratitude enough for all the things you did,  
We're thanking you now,  
And we are hoping you knew all along,  
Just how much you meant to us.

## **Commendation and Committal**

**Thanks**

## **Closing Music**

'Rockin' All Over The World' ~ Status Quo

*“Those we love don’t go away,  
They walk beside us every day.  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
still loved, still missed, and very dear.”*



Muriel’s family warmly thank you for your attendance here today and invite you to join them for light refreshments following the service at  
**The Cormorant, 181 Castle Street, Portchester, PO16 9QX,**  
to share fond memories of Muriel and to continue to celebrate her life.

Donations, if desired, to ‘**Alzheimer’s Research UK**’, in memory of Muriel,  
may be made on-line using the following link  
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