

In Loving Memory of

John Garforth

4th April 1943 - 21st January 2024



Mansfield Crematorium, Thoresby Chapel

Monday 19th February 2024 at 3.15 pm



ORDER OF SERVICE

conducted by Malcolm Barham, Civil Funeral Celebrant

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

Can't Help Falling In Love
by Elvis Presley



OPENING WORDS

Remember Me

Speak of me as you have always done.
Remember the good times, laughter, and fun.

Share the happy memories we've made,
Do not let them wither or fade.

I'll be with you in the summer's sun,
And when the wind's chill has come.

I'll be the voice that whispers in the breeze.

I'm peaceful now, put your mind at ease.

I've rested my eyes and gone to sleep,
But memories we've shared are yours to keep.

Sometimes our final days may be a test,
But remember me when I was at my best.

Although things may not be the same,
Don't be afraid to use my name.

Let your sorrow last for just a while,
Comfort each other and try to smile.

I've lived a life full of joy and fun.

Live on now, make me proud of what you'll become.



POEM

Not How Did He Die

Not, how did he die, but how did he live?
Not, what did he gain, but what did he give?
These are the units to measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of his birth.
Nor what was his church, nor what was his creed?
But had he befriended those really in need?
Was he ever-ready, with words of good cheer,
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?
Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say,
But how many were sorry when he passed away?



REMEMBERING JOHN

read by Jade



TIME OF REFLECTION

accompanied by visual tribute

Music: Thank You For The Days

by The Kinks



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'll come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all he's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,
Or you can be full of the love 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's 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 he'd want: smile: open your eyes, love and go on.

David Harkins (b. 1958)



COMMITTAL

CLOSING WORDS

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

True Love Ways
by Buddy Holly





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

All are welcome for refreshments at
Mansfield Bowls Club, Chesterfield Road South, Mansfield NG19 7AP.

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**Macmillan Cancer Support, King's Mill Hospital
and John Eastwood Hospice Trust**

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