

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
HERBERT THOMAS DIXON

4th September 1931 - 8th September 2023



Mansfield Crematorium, Newstead Chapel  
Wednesday 27th September 2023  
at 1.00 pm





# ORDER OF SERVICE

Led by Civil Celebrant, Colum O'Shea

## PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

Moonlight Serenade  
Glenn Miller and His Orchestra

## WORDS OF WELCOME

## POEM

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 will come back,  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,  
Or you can be full of the love that 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 is 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 would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

## EULOGY

Colum O'Shea, Civil Funeral Celebrant

## REFLECTION MUSIC

The River  
Ken Dodd





REFLECTION

POEM

The Dance Of Life

We all enter the dance of life when we are born.  
We take to the floor and those already dancing stretch out a hand to us  
And teach us the steps and we start to move.  
Sometimes making small steps, feeling self-conscious and awkward,  
At other times making grand gestures and sweeping moves.  
As we dance around the floor, we reach out to new dancers.  
They may be awkward and tread on our toes, or hold us too tightly,  
But if we are lucky, we find the partner who dances to the same time  
And we keep them for life.  
Some dance for many years, some only days,  
And all of us, as our time comes to its end, eventually, in death,  
We leave the floor as the music goes quiet for us.  
But all around us, the dance goes on  
As others try out their first, tentative steps.

FINAL FAREWELL

CLOSING WORDS

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Softly As I Leave You

Matt Monro







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

All are welcome for light refreshment at  
The Junction, Newark Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire.

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**John Eastwood Hospice Trust**  
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