

In Loving Memory of

# JOHN WHITEHEAD

24th February 1932 - 29th November 2020





Bournemouth Crematorium

Monday 14th December 2020

Service conducted by  
Chris Antell



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## **MUSIC ON ENTRY**

Moonlight Serenade by Glenn Miller

## **INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

## READING

I'm Free

read by John's nephew, Mark

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, he set me free.

A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground that reflects the surrounding environment. The middle ground consists of rolling green hills covered in dense forest. In the background, two prominent, snow-capped mountain peaks rise against a clear, light blue sky. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

**A TRIBUTE TO JOHN**

**A TIME OF REFLECTION**  
Brothers In Arms by Dire Straits

## READING

Stairway

read by John's son, Steve

The stairway to heaven I had to climb  
And leave my loved ones far behind.

The steps are very, very steep,  
Made harder for me when you weep.

So please, I beg of you, stop crying;  
Don't think there's something sad in dying,  
For death is but a short sleep,  
An appointment we all must one day keep.


So now I've gone, remember do,  
I love you all and wait for you.  
So listen to the breeze's play  
And know I'm near you day by day.

The sun on your face, the wind in your hair  
All tell you that I'm very near.

We all are born, we all must die,  
So why do you sit and cry?  
It's now time to stop your crying,  
There's nothing sad in so called 'dying'.

*Farewell, John, we commend your free spirit to live on in the  
hearts of everyone you touched along the way.*

*We look back and say thank you for so much.*

A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground that perfectly reflects the surrounding environment. The middle ground is dominated by rolling green hills covered in dense, vibrant foliage. In the background, majestic mountains with significant snow cover rise against a clear, light blue sky. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

**MUSIC ON LEAVING**  
Bye Bye Johnny by Status Quo

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