



A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF
DAVID JOHN STILLS
‘DAVE’

13th April 1938 - 8th March 2020



Markeaton Crematorium, Round Chapel

Friday 27th March 2020 at 3.00 pm

Very much loved and never forgotten

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conducted by Lisa Bonito-Day,
Independent Celebrant



MUSIC IN
Circle Of Life
by Elton John

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS

POEM
The Dash
read by Scott Hassall

I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend,
He referred to the dates on his tombstone
From the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came his date of birth
And spoke the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years,

For that dash represents all the time
That he spent alive on earth,
And now only those who loved him
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own,
The cars, the house, the cash,
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard,
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect
And more often wear a smile,
Remembering that this special dash
Might only last a while.

So when your eulogy is being read
With your life's actions to rehash,
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent your dash?

Linda Ellis



A PERSONAL TRIBUTE TO DAVE

by Paul Hassall

POEM

When I am gone, release me, let me go,
I have so many things to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love and you can only guess
How much you've given me in happiness.
I thank you for the love that you have shown
But now it is time I travelled alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on,
And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome home'.

REFLECTION MUSIC

Colours Of My Life
by The Seekers

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.

TIME TO SAY FAREWELL

MUSIC OUT

The Ballad Of Davy Crockett
by Fess Parker





Dave's family would like to take the opportunity to
thank everyone for attending today.
Your support and comforting words are very
much appreciated at this very sad time.

Due to the current circumstances,
a celebration of Dave's life will
be held at a later date.

In memory of Dave, donations
are welcome in support of
Treetops Hospice Care.
Thank you in advance for your generosity.

A.W. LYMN

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