

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
HILARY CHRISTINE  
HOLBROOK

8th January 1947 ~ 3rd September 2020



Sherwood Forest Crematorium  
Tuesday 22nd September 2020  
at 1.30 pm



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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## OPENING MUSIC

The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face ~ Roberta Flack

## WORDS OF WELCOME

## WORDS OF INSPIRATION

When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not there to see,  
if the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me.

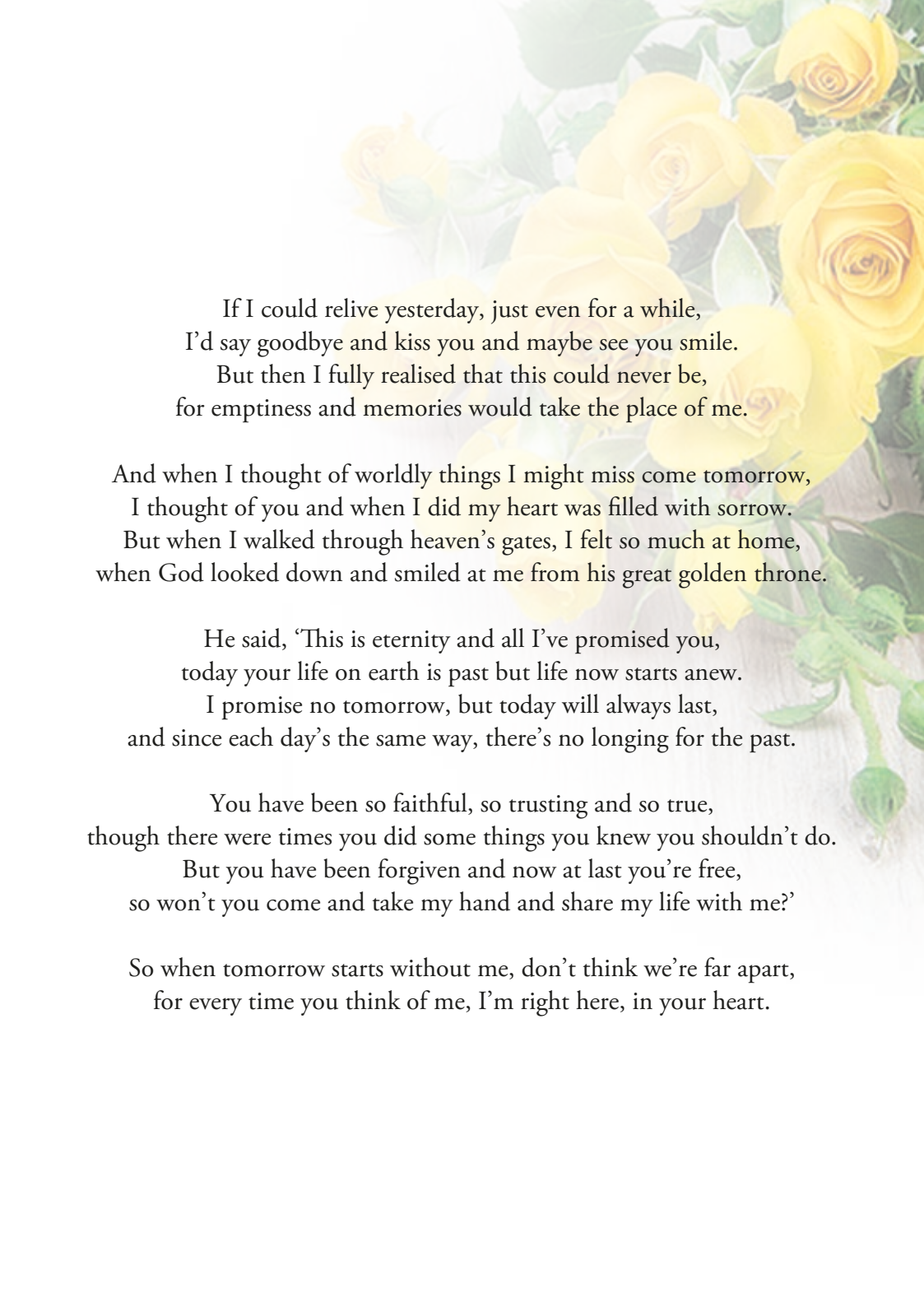
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,  
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,  
and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me, too.  
But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,  
that an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand,

and said my place was ready in heaven far above,  
and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.  
But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye,  
for all my life I'd always thought I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for, so much left to do,  
it almost seemed impossible that I was leaving you.  
I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad,  
I thought of all the love we shared and all the fun we had.





If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while,  
I'd say goodbye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.  
But then I fully realised that this could never be,  
for emptiness and memories would take the place of me.

And when I thought of worldly things I might miss come tomorrow,  
I thought of you and when I did my heart was filled with sorrow.  
But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home,  
when God looked down and smiled at me from his great golden throne.

He said, 'This is eternity and all I've promised you,  
today your life on earth is past but life now starts anew.  
I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last,  
and since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past.'

You have been so faithful, so trusting and so true,  
though there were times you did some things you knew you shouldn't do.

But you have been forgiven and now at last you're free,  
so won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me?

So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,  
for every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.

## MEMORIES OF HILARY HOLBROOK - ONE

Loved ones tell us this: in counting the days which have meaning in our lives, the 8th of January 1947 was a day with significance for everyone here today, for it was the day that Hilary Christine Buxton - as she was then - was born to parents Robert and Constance Buxton.

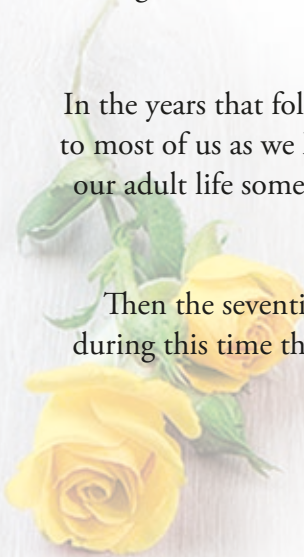
Hilary was born in Doncaster and grew up in the family home at 147 Sherwood Street in Warsop; the house that would be Hilary's home for the rest of her life. And Hilary was special to her parents as she was an only child.

Hilary's early schooling was in Warsop and she finished her schooling at Mansfield Woodhouse. We can't, of course though, share memories of all Hilary's favourite interests and activities from those early times, suffice to say that music played a great part in Hilary's life and, even in these early years, she enjoyed music and was studying the piano.

After leaving school, Hilary started work in her mid-teens and initially began work in a local chemist shop, moving on later as better prospects came her way.

In the years that followed, Hilary's life moved on over many chapters, familiar to most of us as we leave our younger years behind and face the challenges that our adult life sometimes brings, some chapters that she brightly remembered and others that have now long faded.

Then the seventies would bring a turning point in Hilary's life, as it was during this time that she came to meet her future husband, Carl Holbrook...







## MEMORIES OF HILARY HOLBROOK - TWO

...Hilary and Carl were socialising with their respective friends one particular time at the old Festival Inn at Trowell when their friendship first began. A new friendship soon became a caring relationship and the rest, as they say, is happy history.

So, the 6th of October 1973 was also a very special day in Hilary's life, for it was on this day that Hilary and Carl were married in a civil ceremony at Mansfield. And so would begin some forty-seven years of a loving partnership that has steered through all life's ups and downs and all those happy times and seasons of caring and sharing together.

Hilary was a devoted wife to Carl and a proud and caring mother to Jeanette, Lisa, Gavin and Drue. And, in turn, Hilary was of course also a beloved wife and mother to them. ...And in the fullness of time, Hilary and Carl would see the family grow again; proud and delighted when they became grandparents to Holly, Tyler, Abby, Lilly, Jessica, Joanna, Megan, Sophie and Isabella. ...And, later, great-grandparents to Nelly, William and Nancy. ...And in recalling those people who were also important in Hilary's life, let's not forget her wider family, relatives and in-laws, and many good friends over the years, who also had a special place in Hilary's heart and affections.

In recalling a little more of Hilary's working life over this time; Hilary worked locally all her life and never retired. She was a dinner lady at Sherwood Street School and the children - now all grown up with families of their own - still had a great deal of respect for Hilary and always call her Mrs Holbrook.

### MEMORIES OF HILARY HOLBROOK - THREE

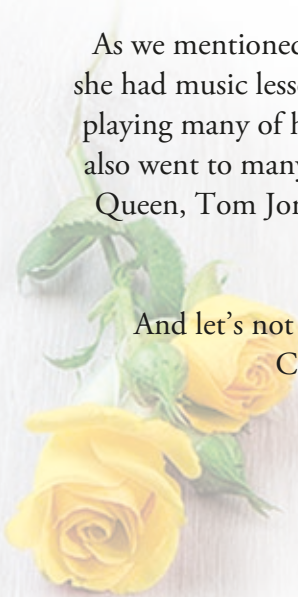
In past times, Hilary worked for a local baker, a butcher and fruit shop, then at the Warsop Health Centre as a receptionist, where she met some lifelong friends. Hilary and Carl also set up a business where she was the company director and accounts director. So, Hilary has been a hardworking woman all her life.

And nor should we forget one or two of those things which brought Hilary pleasure and happiness over the years. Hilary enjoyed gardening and was a good all-round home cook. She was also a member of a ten-pin bowling team at Mansfield for quite a time.

When relaxing at home, Hilary enjoyed reading and liked many topics but was always intrigued by a good mystery. In fact, she even went on a trip with her friend Glennis, following the path of the Da Vinci Code. And of an evening, Hilary like to watch one or two of her favourite soaps on T.V. or settle down with nice black coffee and tackle a few sudoku puzzles.

As we mentioned earlier, music has always been a big part of Hilary's life; she had music lessons when she was a child and over many years has enjoyed playing many of her favourite classical pieces on the piano. Hilary and Carl also went to many concerts together in the USA to see top entertainers like Queen, Tom Jones, Celine Dion, Roy Orbison, Status Quo, Pink Floyd, Tina Turner and many more.

And let's not forget one or two of those happy holidays Hilary and Carl have enjoyed together over the years...







## MEMORIES OF HILARY HOLBROOK - FOUR

After a particularly disastrous holiday in Cornwall on one occasion, Hilary decided it was time for holidays abroad, so she picked all the destinations and it was no more tenting and caravanning. As well as several lovely holidays in Europe, they also had holidays in Nashville, Memphis, Las Vegas, Cuba and many more USA and Caribbean destinations. Every new year, they would enjoy a warm holiday in Sharm el Sheikh, as their favourite destinations were Sharm el Sheikh and Las Vegas.

But less of a hobby and more a way of life, what Hilary really enjoyed most of all was just spending time at home with Carl and having the family around her. Home and family, that was really Hilary's greatest passion in life. These were all important times, places and people in Hilary's life, and they are now fond memories to recall and share with all those who have been a part of her life.

And over these many chapters in our lives, we are also remembered in many ways by those who know and love us. And Hilary will be remembered for her kindness and forgiving nature; a favourite saying of Hilary's being: "You are not in trouble, just tell me the truth." She is also remembered as a generous person who would always try to help others wherever she could.

Hilary is remembered uniquely with love, affection and friendship by each of you who have come here today, but significantly you have all gathered here especially, to remember and celebrate her life.

## MOMENTS OF REFLECTION

See You Again ~ Charlie Puth

### 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.



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THANKS AND REMINDERS

CLOSING MUSIC

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kind words and support at this sad time.

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