

*To Celebrate the Life  
of*



# Philip Andrew Richardson-Wood

4th July 1974 - 10th May 2023

Sherwood Forest Crematorium

Friday 23rd June 2023  
at 2.00 pm



# ORDER OF SERVICE



**Opening Music**

The Nights

Avicii

**Opening Words**



**Note from Phil**  
read by David and Adelle

As you may have noticed, my funeral is a little different to what you may be used to. To continue in this vein, I have written my final note to you all.

I believe my body is a vessel that my spirit inhabited and I have made full and excessive use of it for the past 48 years. Although my body has stopped working my spirit has been released and lives on in nature's energy force that is all around. This now means that I can be at all the Formula 1 races, every live music event and see my family and friends live out their lives.

I did not want this to be a sombre affair but a personal reflection and celebration of my life. One I have enjoyed and leave with no regrets. I know I have made you laugh, cry, frustrated and annoyed you all at some point but know I will meet you all again in what will be years for you but mere seconds for me. And yes, I will do all the above to you again.



Remember just because you can't see or hear me doesn't mean I can't be there for you. All you have to do is call my name and I will be listening.

If I can give you any advice, then simply don't fear death; it is inevitable. Embrace life as it's those memories you will take with you. So, don't fill your head with sad memories, remove these to make way for new, better ones. Keep in touch with friends and family, saves any awkward questions when you meet them again in the next life.

Well now it's time for someone to do my proper tribute but for me this is not goodbye but a bientot.

PS: Yes, I will be here watching because well, I can.



## **Music**

Don't You Worry Child  
Swedish House Mafia *featuring* John Martin

## **Tribute**

## **Reflection Music**

Hey Brother  
Avicii





## Poem

He Is Gone

read by Alison Richardson

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.





**Committal**

**Closing Words**

**Closing Music**

Adagio For Strings

Tiësto







*'A gentle warrior of life, now rests in eternal tranquility.'*

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

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