

*To Celebrate the Life  
of*



# Michael Anton Townsend

18th January 1939 - 27th July 2023

Mansfield Crematorium, Newstead Chapel

Wednesday 23rd August 2023  
at 11.00 am



# ORDER OF SERVICE

Led by Civil Celebrant, Colum O'Shea



**PROCESSIONAL MUSIC**

Hallelujah  
Leonard Cohen

**WORDS OF WELCOME**



## POEM

Our Father kept a garden,  
A garden of the heart,  
He planted all the good things there,  
That gave our lives their start.  
He turned us to the sunshine,  
And encouraged us to dream,  
Fostering and nurturing  
The seeds of self-esteem.

And when the winds and rain came,  
He protected us enough,  
But not too much because he knew  
We'd need to stand up strong and tough.  
His constant good example,  
Always taught us right from wrong,  
Markers for our pathway  
That will last a lifetime long.  
We are our Father's garden,  
We are his legacy.



## **EULOGY**

Colum O'Shea, civil funeral celebrant

## **REFLECTION MUSIC**

In Dreams  
Roy Orbison



**REFLECTION**

**FINAL FAREWELL**



**CLOSING WORDS**

**RECESSIONAL MUSIC**

Soul Limbo

Booker T. and the MG's





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

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**and the British Heart Foundation**

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