

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
FOR THE LIFE OF



JOHN DAVID WHITLAM

5th August 1943 - 29th April 2023

Sherwood Forest Crematorium
Thursday 25th May 2023 at 2.30 pm



ORDER OF SERVICE

Led by Licensed Lay Minister, Heather Brown

ENTRY MUSIC
A Kind Of Magic
Queen

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYERS

BIBLE READING
The Good Samaritan

EULOGY AND WORDS OF HOPE

WORSHIP SONG

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Chris Tomlin

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures,
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace. (Repeat)*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine,
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

POEM

Come With Me
by Rhonda Braswell

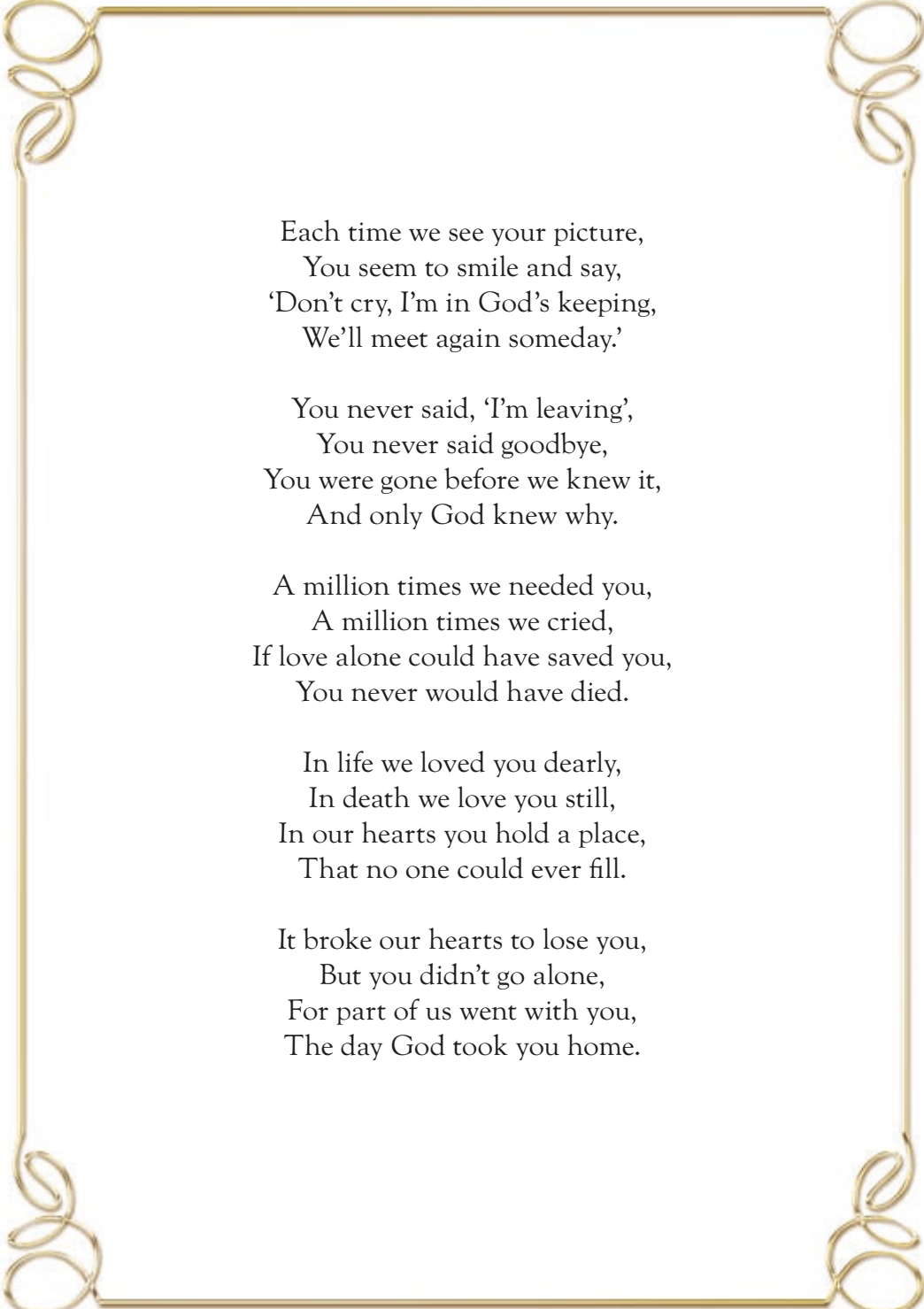
God saw you getting tired,
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you,
And whispered, 'Come with Me'.

With tearful eyes we watched you suffer,
And saw you fade away,
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove,
He only takes the best.

It's lonesome here without you,
We miss you more each day,
Life doesn't seem the same,
Since you've passed away.

When days are sad and lonely,
And everything goes wrong,
We seem to hear you whisper,
'Cheer up and carry on.'



Each time we see your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
'Don't cry, I'm in God's keeping,
We'll meet again someday.'

You never said, 'I'm leaving',
You never said goodbye,
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knew why.

A million times we needed you,
A million times we cried,
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.

In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still,
In our hearts you hold a place,
That no one could ever fill.

It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God took you home.



PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

Amen.



COMMENDATION AND COMMITMENT

THE BLESSING

EXIT MUSIC

The Blessing

Kari Jobe *featuring* Cody Carnes

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace.*

*May His favour be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children, and their children.*

*May His presence go before you
And behind you and beside you,
All around you and within you.
He is with you, He is with you,
In the morning, in the evening,
In your coming and your going,
In your weeping and rejoicing,
He is for you, He is for you.*

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

You are invited to join John's family for refreshments at
The Copper Beech Barn, Kirklington Road, Bilsthorpe,
Newark NG22 8SS.

Donations in memory of John will be taken for
Cancer Research UK
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