

Valerie Katherine Barber
'Val'

2nd June 1936 - 10th January 2021



Bournemouth Crematorium

Tuesday 2nd February 2021

Service conducted by
Rob Hazell

Order of Service

Opening Music

Ave Maria - Schubert

by André Rieu with Mirusia Louwerse

Welcome

by Rob Hazell, Independent Celebrant

Poem

Footprints

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.
Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.

In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.
Sometimes there were two sets of footprints.
The other times there was only one.

This bothered me because I noted that during low periods of my life,
when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat,
I could see only one set of footprints.

So, I said to the Lord, “You promised me, Lord,
that if I followed you, you would walk with me always,
but I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life
there was only one set of footprints in the sand.
Why, when I have needed you most, have you not been there for me?”

The Lord replied, “The times when you have seen
only one set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you.”

Remembering Val

Reflection Music

Mama
Il Divo

A Quotation

from *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran
which Val copied out and kept
read by James

“For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun?
And what is it to cease breathing but to free the breath from its restless tides,
that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered?”

Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing.
And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb.
And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance.”

Closing Words

Our Thanks and Farewell to Val

Closing Music

Dream A Little Dream Of Me
by The Mamas and The Papas

Donations in memory of Val are for
Waggy Tails Rescue
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may be made online at
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