

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
FOR THE LIFE OF

MARK EVAN OAKES

4th August 1959 - 9th May 2023



Mansfield Crematorium, Thoresby Chapel
Wednesday 31st May 2023
at 4.15 pm

Order of Service

led by Reverend Bob Sidgwick

ENTRY MUSIC

The Show Must Go On
by Queen

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY SENTENCES

POEM

Miss Me But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room;
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little - but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared;
Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart,
Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds;
Miss me - but let me go.

Christina Rossetti

READING.

John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6



TRIBUTE

TIME FOR REFLECTION

Music: Handbags and Gladraggs
by Stereophonics

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.

POEM
Biker Down

I'm sorry, friends, that I can't be with you here today.
If you're gathered reading this, it means I've passed away.
But if I were there, I'd tell you not to shed a tear or frown.
I'd tell you just to simply say, "Another Biker has gone down."

If I were there, I'd tell you I have no more pain or strife,
That I loved my friends and family, and I had a wonderful life.
If I were there, I'd tell you how I loved the small blue highways,
I loved the curving mountain roads, and I loved to ride the back-road byways.

I loved to be 'in the wind'. I loved when that engine rumbled,
And the biker friends who rode with me, would help me when I stumbled.
You are amongst my dearest friends, brothers and sisters of the road,
We've travelled many miles together, shared many heavy loads.

If I could be there with you, we'd laugh and share memories from our past,
And this gathering would be just one more tale, another story, not our last.
But today I can't be with you, except in heart and memory stores.
So, you'll have to laugh, remember the past,
and then let your engines roar!

Please smile and do not shed a tear, wipe away that silly frown,
I'm off upon that final ride, another Biker who has gone down.



COMMENDATION

A TRIBUTE TO MARK FROM THE TRENT WINGS

COMMITTAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

EXIT MUSIC

Back In Black
by AC/DC



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

All are welcome for light refreshment at The Towers, Botany Avenue, Mansfield NG18 5NG.

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