The family thank you for attending the service today and for all your kind expressions of sympathy at this sad time.

You are warmly invited to continue this celebration of David's life at:

The Royal British Legion 1 White Hart Ln, Hockley SS5 4DQ



Donations in memory of Big G are gratefully received for Alzheimer's Society and can be placed in the donations box at the end of the service



Some of the material reproduced in this service sheet is subject to copyright.

S. Stibbards & Sons Ltd, 7 Spa Road, Hockley, Essex are
members of the Christian Copyright Licence Scheme.

In Loving Memory of



"BIG G"

David Arthur William Witherington

6th April 1943 - 6th October 2022

Southend Crematorium Friday 28th October 2022 at 12.40 p.m. Officiated by Nigel Catchpole

MUSIC AS WE GATHER Sailing Rod Stewart

WORDS OF WELCOME

POEM He Is Gone By David Harkins

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 will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
Or you can be full of the love that 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 is gone
Or you can cherish her 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 would want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

A LIFE IN WORDS Big G's Story

MOMENT OF REFLECTION
Including a Visual Tribute
As we listen to
I Don't Wanna Miss A Thing
Aerosmith

POEM Feel No Guilt In Laughter

Feel no guilt in laughter, he'd know how much you care.
Feel no sorrow in a smile that he is not here to share.
You cannot grieve forever; he would not want you to.
He'd hope that you could carry on the way you always do.
So, talk about the good times and the way you showed you cared,
The days you spent together, all the happiness you shared.
Let memories surround you, a word someone may say
Will suddenly recapture a time, an hour, a day,
That brings him back as clearly as though he were still here,
And fills you with the feeling that he is always near.
For if you keep those moments, you will never be apart
And he will live forever locked safely within your heart.

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.

WORDS OF LOVE AND FAREWELL

As we listen to

Whiter Shade Of Pale

Procul Harem

WORDS OF COMFORT

MUSIC AS WE LEAVE Hello Lionel Ritchie