

*A Celebration of the Life  
of*



# Stephen Patrick Ryan

22nd August 1955 - 22nd August 2023

Wilford Hill Crematorium, Main Chapel

Monday 18th September 2023  
at 3.00 pm





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**Music on Entry**  
Holding Back The Years  
by Simply Red

**Welcome and Introduction**



## Poem

Happy the man, and happy he alone,  
He who can call today his own.  
He who, secure within, can say,  
Tomorrow do thy worst, for I have lived today.

Be fair or foul or rain or shine  
The joys I have possessed, in spite of fate, are mine.  
Not Heaven itself upon the past has power,  
But what has been, has been, and I have had my hour.

*John Dryden (1631 – 1700)*



**Stephen's Life**

**Memories from Friends**

read by Linda

**Music for Reflection**

The Blower's Daughter

by Damien Rice



## Poem

When I come to the end of my journey  
And I travel my last weary mile,  
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned  
And remember only the smile.

Forget unkind words I have spoken;  
Remember some good I have done.  
Forget that I ever had heartache  
And remember I've had loads of fun.

Forget that I've stumbled and blundered  
And sometimes fell by the way.  
Remember I have fought some hard battles  
And won, ere the close of the day.

Then forget to grieve for my going,  
I would not have you sad for a day,  
But in summer just gather some flowers  
And remember the place where I lay.

And come in the shade of evening  
When the sun paints the sky in the west.  
Stand for a few moments beside me  
And remember only my best.

*Mosiah Lyman Hancock*



**Farewell**

**Closing Words**

**Exit Music**

We Got The Whole World In Our Hands  
Nottingham Forest FC anthem





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