

A Service to Celebrate the Life of



PATRICIA ANN  
HEMSTEAD

29th January 1938 - 19th August 2023

Trent Valley Crematorium  
Friday 1st September 2023  
at 4.30 pm

*Much-loved and never forgotten*



# ORDER OF SERVICE





ENTRANCE MUSIC  
Have I Told You Lately  
Van Morrison

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS  
by Lisa Bonito, Independent Celebrant

## READING

Death Is Nothing At All  
chosen by Emma and Adrian  
read by Eileen

Death is nothing at all.  
It does not count.  
I have only slipped away into the next room.  
Nothing has happened.  
Everything remains exactly as it was.  
I am I, and you are you,  
and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged.  
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.  
Call me by the old familiar name.  
Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.  
Put no difference into your tone.  
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.  
Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.  
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.  
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.  
Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it.  
Life means all that it ever meant.  
It is the same as it ever was.  
There is absolute and unbroken continuity.  
What is this death but a negligible accident?  
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?  
I am but waiting for you, for an interval,  
somewhere very near,  
just round the corner.  
All is well.  
Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost.  
One brief moment and all will be as it was before.  
How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!

*Henry Van Dyke*



MUSIC  
Songbird  
Fleetwood Mac

REMEMBERING PAT

MEMORIES OF AUNTY PAT  
from Jo and Natalie  
read by Dave





POEM

chosen by Gail

read by Alfie

Goodbye my family, my life has passed  
But my love for you will always last  
Weep not for me but courage take  
And love one another for my sake  
As time goes by and you all grow older  
My hand will rest upon your shoulder  
Do not be sad or weep for me  
Be happy my loved ones when you think of me

Her smiling way and pleasant face  
Are a pleasure to recall  
She had a kindly word for each  
And died beloved by all  
Some day we hope to meet her  
Some day we don't know when  
To clasp her hand in a better land  
Never to part again.



REFLECTION  
Music: Into The West  
Annie Lennox

FAREWELL  
Into the freedom of wind and sunshine  
We let you go

Into the dance of the stars and the planets  
We let you go

Into the wind's breath and the hands of the star maker  
We let you go

We love you, we miss you, we want you to be happy  
Go safely, go dancing, go running home.



## POEM

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me (Adapted)  
chosen by Kerry

When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me,  
I know how much you love me, As much as I love you,  
and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.

But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand,  
That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand,  
But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye  
For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for, So much left yet to do,  
It seemed almost impossible, That I was leaving you.  
But then I fully realised, That this could never be,  
For emptiness and memories, would take the place of me.

And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow,  
I thought of you, and when I did, My heart was filled with sorrow.  
But then I felt their arms around me All those who lived, and I loved before  
They welcomed me into our forever home And I realised I'll never be alone.

So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart,  
For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.

*David Romano*

CONCLUDING MUSIC  
I Was Born To Love You  
Queen





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

You are all welcome to Pat's party, a celebration of her life at  
Mr Grundy's, Ashbourne Road DE22 3AD.

Donations in memory of Patricia for  
**Treetops Hospice**  
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