

In Loving Memory
of



Richard Paul Rickett

31st January 1959 - 6th November 2024

Friday 29th November 2024
at 2.30 pm

Bramcote Crematorium, Reflection Chapel



Order of Service

ENTRY MUSIC

Heroic Polonaise in A-flat, Opus 53
Chopin

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS

Merlin Engines of the Lancaster Bomber

She coughed spluttered thundered, Shuddered and roared
And suddenly as if by magic,
All cylinders fired in ordered opposed banks therefore.

In turn coughed and fired engines
Four, three, two.
One is purring unheard
Our big hurrah! To hear this many engines roar!

Today however; her mission is not one of
Damb busting- Rhineland long range bomber
No! Rather, we'd fly 'Bad Penny' over
To our Dutch and Dutsche cousins

Her's is now a humanitarian mission.
This mission, is 'Operation Manna'
All because, Our Dutch and Dutsche cousins are starving.

Rodger, Rodger it's time to go,
full back on the throttle in the air in just a mo,
The ground crew wave wishing her a successful mission.
She's over the target and in position, the pay load doors open and she
drops, her payload of mercy mission

Mercies reign where bombs had before,
this great plane was born for this we are sure
How marvellous is the sound of the Lancaster Bomber, which is maybe
why Richard Rickett held her with so much honour ...



TRIBUTE TO RICHARD

REFLECTION MUSIC
Ace Of Spades

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS FROM LESLEY

MUSIC

Asteroid

Pearl and Dean

COMMITTAL AND FAREWELL

The Dash

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on her casket, from beginning to the end.
He noted that first came the date of her birth
And spoke of the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all was the dash
between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth,
And now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.
For it matters not how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash,
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard;
are there things you would like to change?
For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.
If we could just slow down enough to consider what is true and real
And always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives like we have never loved before.
If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile,
Remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash...
Would you be proud of the things they say about how
you spent your dash?

EXIT MUSIC

Highwire



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

All are welcome for light refreshment at
Risley Park Pub,
Derby Road, Risley DE72 3SS.

Donations in memory of Richard for
The Nightingale Macmillan Unit
at Royal Derby Hospital
may be sealed in the donation envelope
and placed in the box on leaving the service.

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