



# Kathleen Bartlam 'Kath'

13th May 1936 – 19th June 2023

Friday 14th July 2023 at 10.00 am Wilford Hill Crematorium

Ceremony conducted by Celebrant, Anja Laidler

# **Order of Service**

Entry Music Crying by Roy Orbison

Welcome

#### Poem

Come With Me by Rhonda Braswell

God saw you getting tired And a cure was not to be, So He put His arms around you And whispered, "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes we watched you suffer And saw you fade away. Although we loved you dearly, We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating, Hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove He only takes the best.

It's lonesome here without you, We miss you more each day. Life doesn't seem the same Since you've gone away. When days are sad and lonely And everything goes wrong, We seem to hear you whisper, "Cheer up and carry on."

Each time we see your picture, You seem to smile and say, "Don't cry, I'm in God's keeping. We'll meet again someday."

You never said, "I'm leaving," You never said goodbye, You were gone before we knew it And only God knew why.

A million times we needed you, A million times we cried, If love alone could have saved you, You never would have died.

In life, we loved you dearly, In death, we love you still, In our hearts you hold a place That no one could ever fill.

It broke our hearts to lose you, But you didn't go alone, For part of us went with you The day God took you home.

# Eulogy

A tribute to Kath

# Poem

Afterglow by Helen Lowrie Marshall

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done. I'd like to leave an echo, whispering softly down the ways, Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

# Words of Farewell

## Prayer

### 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.

# Committal

#### Poem

She Is Gone by David Harkins

You can shed tears that she is gone, Or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back, Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her, 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 her and only that she 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 she would want: Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

> **Exit Music** I Believe by Frankie Laine

The family wish to thank you for coming today and for your kind words of sympathy and support received at this sad time.

Following the service, you are all welcome to share further memories of Kath over refreshments at The Beeches Hotel, Wilford Lane, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7RN.

Donations, if desired, in memory of Kath will go to Seaside Greyhounds, Skegness. They are a not-for-profit Community Interest Company who independently re-home retired greyhounds. www.seasidegreyhounds.org.uk Donations may be sealed in the donation envelope

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