

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF



CHARLIE OLDFIELD

1970 - 2023

Wednesday 19th July 2023

at 10.00 am

Wilford Hill Crematorium

## CHARLIE

A reflection by Alison, Dylan and Evie

Charlie was an amazing father, husband, son,  
brother, uncle and friend.

He had many loves - travel, gin, underwater filming, sport, pear and almond frangipane tart, belly pork, word searches, cooking ('a professional chef wouldn't attempt this' said Julian Benton upon entering the kitchen), animals, (his favourite was the leafy sea dragon), thinking of elaborate ways to entertain people (making breakfast in a dinner jacket one morning in lockdown) – and of course his family and friends.

Charlie also knew what he didn't like - DIY, vodka, celebrities, mankinis, people not queuing, cats (he loved birds) and raspberries.

Creative and adventurous, Charlie's many projects included painting, poetry, making things from wood – all of which he claimed he wasn't good at – filling the house and garden with beautiful things. He organised imaginative parties for Dylan and Evie (and legendary cakes), breakfast pizza and a meal that included every letter of the alphabet. He created stories and poems like 'Stan the Turkey' and the character McMole. He came to regret coming up with McMole, whom the children insisted join them on every holiday, a mole who got into such scrapes he once fought, and sadly killed, Che Guevara (with an inflatable flamingo).

He always found ways to delight the children – the milk spider that walked across Evie’s face at bedtime, an easter egg hunt which involved sinking eggs to the bottom of the pond. Charlie was incredibly thoughtful, creating presents linked to films Al loves for her recent 50th.

Charlie’s life was characterised by his sense of humour, warmth and joyful spirit. He was the magnet everyone was drawn to, the person you’d cross the road to talk to. He has shaped our lives forever.





# ORDER OF SERVICE

## MUSIC ON ENTRY

One More Light

by Linkin Park

*Charlie's favourite Linkin Park song*

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

## REFLECTIONS

by Alison Oldfield and Dylan Oldfield

## A TRIBUTE

Life On The Bottom, Underwater Film  
by Charlie

## WORDS

from Charlie's friend, David Clein

## VISUAL TRIBUTE

Music: The Promise  
by Tracy Chapman

*Charlie's favourite song and one he listened to a lot with Al*

## WORDS

from Charlie's friend, Lee Mable

## READING

Love Came First  
by Donna Ashworth  
read by Evie Oldfield

You don't move on after loss, but you must move with.  
You must shake hands with grief, welcome her in,  
for she lives with you now.  
Pull her a chair at the table and offer her comfort.  
She is not the monster you first thought her to be. She is love.  
And she will walk with you now, stay with you now, peacefully.  
If you let her.  
And on the days when your anger is high,  
remember why she came, remember who she represents.  
Remember.  
Grief came to you my friend because love came first.  
**Love came first.**

## CLOSING WORDS

## MUSIC ON EXIT

Together in Electric Dreams  
by Philip Oakey and Giorgio Moroder



We'd love you to join us at  
The Derek Randall Suite, Trent Bridge Cricket Ground,  
West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 6AG,  
after the ceremony.

We can raise a glass to Charlie and watch the cricket.

There will be a memory book available,  
which we would love you all to contribute to.

Charlie's big passion was the sea and conservation.

If you'd like to give a donation please send it to the

**Coral Reef Rescue Initiative**

via <https://giveinmemory.wwf.org.uk/In-Memory/Charlie-Oldfield>

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