

In loving memory of

Martin Rickards



19th December 1942 - 12th January 2023

Medway Crematorium | Thursday 16th February, 2023 at 2:30pm

RECEPTION OF COFFIN

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Abide With Me

Henry Francis Lyte

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide:
The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour,
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies,
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee,
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

EULOGY

'My Grandad' poem

From Martin's granddaughter, Katie

You've always had a special place, deep within my heart.
Forever there it will remain, whether we are near or far apart.

You've always been a favourite to everyone you know.

You've always made me happy, with your wonderful glow.
The loving and funny memories you gave me will never be replaced.
Nothing else can ever compare to when I see a smile upon your face.
I want you to know I love you, and you mean the world to me.
You're the star I'll always wish upon, the light I'll always see.

Amazing Grace

John Newton

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.
Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come.
This grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.
When we've been here ten thousand years
Bright, shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.
Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see.

BLESSINGS & DISMISSAL



Appreciation

The family would like to thank you all for your kind support and comfort during this time.

Please join the family for a celebration of Martin's life, along with refreshments at:

Hoo Village Institute
25 Main Road
Hoo, Rochester
ME3 9AA

Donations

If you wish to make a donation to our chosen charity (Dementia UK), please visit www.Martin-rickards.muchloved.com. Here you will be able to donate to Dementia UK as well as look through photographs and memories of Martin.