



Celebrating the life of

***JOHN ANTHONY MELLO DEW***

*26TH JUNE 1941 – 9TH JANUARY 2023*

FUNERAL SERVICE HELD ON:

*WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2023*

WEST WILTSHIRE CREMATORIUM

*DEVIZES ROAD, TROWBRIDGE,  
WILTSHIRE BA14 6HL*

**RECEPTION OF COFFIN**  
***Sailing - Rod Stewart***

***POEM: Peace of the beach - Hardin Marshall***

The tide recedes but leaves behind  
Bright seashells on the sand.  
The sun goes down, but gentle warmth  
Still lingers on the land.  
The music stops, and yet  
It echoes on in sweet refrains.  
For every joy that passes,  
Something beautiful remains.

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**  
***Tamara Dickson - Independent Celebrant***

**A LIFE REMEMBERED**

**LOVING FAREWELL**  
***Chariots of Fire - Vangelis***

**CLOSING WORDS**

***POEM: Death (If I should go) - Joyce Grenfell***

If I should go before the rest of you  
Break not a flower nor inscribe a stone  
Nor when I'm gone speak in a Sunday voice  
But be the usual selves that I have known  
Weep if you must  
Parting is hell  
But life goes on  
So sing as well.

**EXIT**  
***Always look on the bright side of life - Monty Python***

*A LIFE REMEMBERED - THANK YOU*

Thank you for the time that we had together, the trips to the park, the Sunday walks with the dog, the football games, the holidays and Christmases, including the last.

Thank you for your patience, teaching us to play squash and badminton and (gulp) drive, you were a brave soul taking that on with us lot.

For the love and support that you have always given us - helping us to make wise choices, buying houses, moving, getting married and separating. Your support made our lives so much easier and we know how privileged we were to have it.

Thank you for the energy, strength and diligence that will be your lasting legacy to your children and grandchildren, including the passion for sport, running and swimming that we all have.

Thank you for your humour, Monty Python need to rewrite 'The Life of Brian', retitled the 'Life of John'.

We will miss you each and every day.

## ***APPRECIATION***

*The family would like to thank you all for your  
kind support during this time of sadness*



## ***DONATIONS***

*If you wish to make a donation to our chosen  
charity Dementia UK  
(<https://www.dementiauk.org/get-involved/donate>)*