



A Celebration of the Life
of

Marie Lancaster-Smith

24 December 1921 – 4 February 2023

12.15pm

Friday 10 March 2023

Hastings Crematorium

Entrance Music

Nimrod by Edward Elgar
The Royal Artillery Band

Marie and Ron first met in 1938 when he was visiting Hastings as a member of the Royal Artillery Band. Marie always associated this composition with Ron, as throughout most of their married life it was played during annual Remembrance Sunday Services at which he performed.

Welcome and Introduction

Michael Lancaster-Smith

Tribute 1

Michael Lancaster-Smith
'Thoughts and Reflections'

Musical Interlude 1

Popular tunes from the 1930s and 1940s
The Ink Spots, Fred Astaire, Bing Crosby, and Glen Miller

Tribute 2

Gregory Lancaster-Smith
'Thoughts and Reflections'

Musical Interlude 2

Music from the 1940s and 1950s familiar with listeners
to the BBC Light Programme
Family Favourites Theme Tune, The Platters, Dooley Wilson, Nat King Cole, Gene Kelly.

Tribute 3

Christina Fitton
'Thoughts and Reflections'

Final Reflection

Lyric Pieces by Edvard Grieg
Book 1. No. 1. 'Arietta'
Emil Gilels- piano

Exit

Sussex by the Sea
by William Ward-Higgs
Band of the Grenadier Guards
conducted by Major F.R. Harris *

Marie was born and lived in Hastings all her life.

As a member of the Sussex Yeomanry T.A. Band,

Ron regularly played this piece on bandstands throughout the county.

*Major Harris was his bandmaster in the Royal Artillery during WW2

1938 - Ron Lancaster-Smith performing with the Royal Artillery band on the pier met local girl Marie Wright. 64 years of happy marriage followed during which the pier showcased Ron's many musical talents



The family would welcome any donations to their
chosen charity.

St. Michael's Hospice
St. Leonards-on-Sea

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mariel-s>



We thank you for your support and presence here today.

Please join us after for refreshments at
'The Brickwall Hotel and Restaurant'

The Green
Sedlescombe
TN33 0QA

Photos on previous page:

TOP: A plaque on the newly restored Hastings and St. Leonards Pier commemorating their first meeting.

BOTTOM: Marie and Ron during their visit to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party.