

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



*Kenneth William Birkett*

8th November 1949- 8th March 2023

Beetham Hall Crematorium

Thursday 23rd Of March 2023 at 3:30pm

*RECEPTION OF COFFIN*  
*Love will keep us alive- Eagles*

*WELCOME & INTRODUCTION*

*KEN'S LIFE CELEBRATED*

*A POEM FOR OUR DAD- WRITTEN BY RACHEL BIRKETT*  
*(see next page)*

*WORDS FROM KEN'S DAUGHTER, KAREN*

*MUSIC FOR REFLECTION*  
*These Are The Days Of Our Lives-Queen*

*POEM*  
*HEAVAN'S FISHING HOLE - Jill Eisnaugle's poetry collection*

*CLOSING WORDS*

*MUSIC FOR EXIT*  
*Gone Fishing- Chris Rea*

# A poem to our Dad

Since that day, you left our side

I've listened to the memories, of the life you leave behind.

Women, Cars, fishing trips too

Each memory full of love and laughter, in which your life grew.

Two Marriages, Three children and One Caravan

When we look back, you were quite the man.

Something needs building or fixing, you'd be there in a hurry

You made it look easy, complete with no worry.

Those final years, you spent fishing with your mate

If not by a pond, watching your son from the gate.

You'd both swear and shout, identical at times

He'll remember those times and laugh, with his new baby as they lie.

As the days drew in, and life came to an end

From an illness, sadly, you could not defend.

You fought hard and gracefully, for almost 5 years

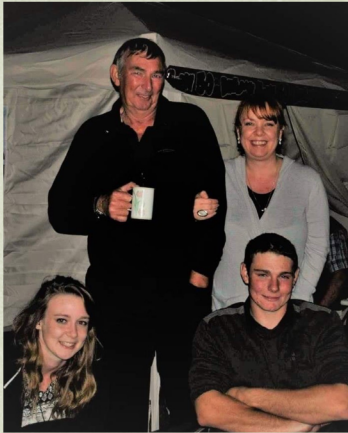
But for now, together, we face our fears.

To live life without you, and continue with pride

With the resilience you taught us, we will survive.

**Today we say goodbye, but this is not forever.**

**One sunny day, many years from now, we will be together.**



## **A P P R E C I A T I O N**

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

Refreshments will be served after the service at:

**The Cross Keys  
Main Road, Slyne  
Lancaster, LA2 6AU**

## **D O N A T I O N S**

If you wish to make a donation to our chosen charity (St Johns Hospice), please leave in collection box or give to family directly.