

*In Loving Memory of*

***Ronald Edward Craven***



***28th August 1936 - 18th March 2023***

***Wednesday 19th April 2023, 10:00am***

***at***

***Bedford Crematorium, 104 Norse Road, Bedford***

***Ceremony prepared & presented by Beverley Meaney MICF***

**Entrance Music: Last of The Summer Wine by Ronnie Hazelhurst**

**Welcome & Introduction**

**Poem: Death is Nothing At All by Henry Scott Holland**

“Death is nothing at all  
I have only slipped away into the next room.  
I am I and you are you  
Whatever we were to each other  
That we still are.  
Call me by my old familiar name,  
Speak to me in the easy way  
you always used.  
Put no difference into your tone;  
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.  
Laugh as we always laughed at  
The little jokes we enjoyed together.  
Play, smile, think of me, and pray for me.  
Let my name be ever the house hold  
Word that it always was  
Let it be spoken without effort,  
Without the ghost of a shadow in it.  
Life means all that it ever meant  
It is the same as it ever was;  
There is absolute unbroken continuity.  
What is death but a negligible accident?  
Why should I be out of mind  
Because I am out of sight?  
I am waiting for you for an interval,  
Somewhere very near just around the corner  
All is well

**Hymn: The Lord's My Shepherd**

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.

***The Eulogy - Memories of Ron***

***Reflection Music: Evening Hymn, Last Post & Sunset  
by The Central Band of the Royal Air Force***

***The Lord's Prayer***

*Our Father, who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done;  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen*

***The Committal & Farewell***

***Closing Words***

***Exit Music: My Way by Frank Sinatra***

***The curtains will close during the final piece of music***



## ***Appreciation***

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

*The family will be retiring to:*

*The Anchor*

*397 Goldington Road, Bedford, Bedfordshire, MK41 0DS*

*for an informal drink and a reminiscence of Rons life and would very much like it if you wished to join them*

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