

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

Donations

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