

a celebration
OF THE LIFE OF



GERALD BASIL ALFORD

13th November 1936 - 16th April 2023

11am, Tuesday 16th May 2023

Surrey and Sussex Crematorium Memorial Chapel
Balcombe Rd, Crawley RH10 3NQ

Celebrant: Gail Pearce

RECEPTION OF COFFIN

'Send in the Clowns '
Barbra Streisand

OPENING WORDS

Gail Pearce

EULOGY

Nicki Barnett

SMILE

A Poem by Spike Milligan
read by John Barnett

TIME FOR REFLECTION

'Time to Say Goodbye' (Te Con Partiro)
Andrea Bocelli and Sarah Brightman

THINK OF ME AS ONE AT REST

A poem by A J Stanley
Read by Gail Pearce

Think of me as one at rest,
for me you should not weep
I have no pain no troubled thoughts
for I am just asleep
The living thinking me that was,
is now forever still
And life goes on without me now,
as time forever will.

If your heart is heavy now
because I've gone away
Dwell not long upon it friend
For none of us can stay

Those of you who liked me,
I sincerely thank you all
And those of you who loved me,
I thank you most of all
And in my fleeting lifespan,
as time went rushing by
I found some time to hesitate,
to laugh, to love, to cry
Matters it now if time began
If time will ever cease?
I was here, I used it all,
and now I am at peace

COMMITTAL

Gail Pearce

CLOSING WORDS

Gail Pearce

'Last of the Summer Wine' (Ronnie Hazellust)
(TV theme)

IF I SHOULD GO

a Poem by 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 I have known.
Weep if you must
Parting is hell.
But life goes on
So sing as well.



APPRECIATION

Gerry's 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 OLD OAK
240 Somerset Road,
Meadvale,
Redhill,
Surrey, RH1 6LT***

DONATIONS

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made, in memory of Gerry, to our chosen charity The British Heart Foundation. Please use the following link

<https://giftofhope.bhf.org.uk/In-Memory/Gerry-Alford>

or cheques (payable to the British Heart Foundation) can be sent to Ballard & Shortall, Horley