



# BRIAN WILLIAM COOPER

1st May 1935 - 23rd July 2023

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Honor Oak Crematorium

17th August 2023

# *A Celebration Of Life*

Crystal Gayle - Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

### **EULOGY**

Roddy & Ginny

### **MEMORIES**

Cydney

Hair (Musical) - Good Morning Starshine

## POEM READING

### Walk Within You

("The Smoke Jumper" – Nicholas Evans)

If I be the first of us to die,  
Let grief not blacken long your sky.  
Be bold yet modest in your grieving.  
There is a change but not a leaving.  
For just as death is part of life,  
The dead live on forever in the living.  
For all the gathered riches of our journey,  
The moments shared, the mysteries explored,  
The steady layer of intimacy stored,  
The things that made us laugh or weep or sing,  
The joy of sunlit snow or first unfurling of the spring,  
The wordless language of look and touch,  
The knowing,  
Each giving and each taking,  
These are not flowers that fade,  
Nor trees that fall and crumble,  
Nor are they stone,  
For even stone cannot the wind and rain withstand,  
And mighty mountain peaks in time reduce to sand.  
What we were, we are.  
What we had, we have.  
A conjoined past imperishably present.  
So when you walk the woods where once we walked together  
And scan in vain the dappled bank beside you for my shadow,  
Or pause where we always did upon the hill to gaze across the land,  
And spotting something, reach by habit for my hand,  
And finding none, feel sorrow start to steal upon you,  
Be still.  
Close your eyes.  
Breathe.  
Listen for my footfall in your heart.  
I am not gone but merely walk within you.



## **APPRECIATION**

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

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