## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



## Michael Kenneth McAlpin

29th October 1944 - 7th August 2023

MEMORIAL CELEBRATION 9th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 12.30PM

12 MITFORD CLOSE, PUTNOE, BEDFORD

#### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Ross, Son-in-Law

#### HE IS GONE

Poem by David Harkins, read by Kate

You can shed tears that he is gone
Or you can smile because he has lived
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back
Or you can open your eys and see all that he has left
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
Or you can be full of the love that you shared
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday
You can remember him and only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on
You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what he would want;
smile, open you eyes, Love and go on.

#### BAD MOON RISING

Song by Creedence Clearwater Revival

#### READING

Naemi

### READING BY GRANDCHILDREN

Molly, Toby & Sam

#### IT'S YOUR WORLD NOW

Song by the Eagles

### MEMORIES OF MICK All.

# THE MEMORY TREE

## ABIDE WITH ME (EVENTIDE)

Song by Henry Francis Lyte, music by William Henry Monk

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide: The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide: When other helpers fail, and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour, What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless, Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes, Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies, Heaven's morning breaks, and Earth's vain shadows flee, In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.



## Appreciation

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

Refreshments will be served after memorial celebration

## Donations

If you wish to make a donation to our chosen charities, they are Saint Mary's Church, Chessington, or Cancer Research UK.