

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 eyes 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 your 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*

All.

*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.