

In Loving Memory of

John Tait Scott Welsh
"Jack"



5th August 1951 - 28th July 2023

Service held at Traquair Arms Hotel, Innerleithen, Scotland

Monday 18th of August at 11.30am

Officiated by Gill Coltman - Civil Celebrant

'A Life Well Lived' Author Unknown

A life well lived is a precious gift
Of hope and strength and grace.
From someone who has made our world
A brighter, better place.

It's filled with moments, sweet and sad
With smiles and sometimes tears,
With friendships formed and good times shared
And laughter through the years.

A life well lived is a legacy
Of joy and pride and pleasure,
A living, lasting memory
Our grateful hearts will treasure



'A Lament For Jack' Steve Lawrence 30 July 2023

How hard they struggle to lament the passing of a friend,
These words, so hollow in their sorrow of marking such an end.

For Jack, so gentle, genial...so humble, humorous, kind
Has left Phuket the poorer for those of us he leaves behind.

But somewhere up in heaven - or wherever he may have gone,
Jack rides roughshod on his scotter - when he's able to stay on!

Around his neck his hotel pass, round his waist a fanny pack
And the girls he loves wave wildly and shout "there goes handsome Jack"

The Roxanne Bar where oft we met to put world to rights
Rings no longer to the laughter of Jack's apt and well-aimed slights.
And the Phuket courts of Pickleball where he was once a pioneer
Will see him stretch no more, for shots which near his feet appear.

Our Tuesday lunch and Curry Club and the Hash he so enjoyed,
Now struggle on without the light Jack generously deployed.
Gone from our lives, but not our hearts, Jack left without a fuss,
He was our friend, we loved him so, he was the best of us...

Order Of Service

Opening Address
Gill C'oltman



'He is Gone', David Harkins & 'Mirror - a poem for Dad', J Allen Shaw
Readings by Les Welsh



'My Brother'
Reading by Brian Welsh



'A Life Well Lived'
Eulogy read by Gill Coltman



Reflection
'Monsters' by James Blunt



Words of Thanksgiving
Gill Coltman



Closing Address
Gill Coltman



Appreciation

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

Refreshments will be served after the service at:

Traquair Arms Hotel
Traquair Road
Innerleithen, EH44 6PD

'An honest man here lies at rest,
The friend of man, the friend of truth;
The friend of age, and guide of youth:
Few hearts like his, with virtue warm'd,
Few heads with knowledge so inform'd:
If there's another world, he lives in bliss;
If there is none, he made the best of this'

Epitaph on a Friend - Robert Burns (1759 - 1796)