



*A celebration of the life of*



*Roger Franklyn Cottington*

12th July 1943 - 17th September 2023

10.15 Wednesday 4th October 2023

Vinters Park Crematorium

Maidstone Kent

## **Arrival**

*That 'll be the day - Buddy Holly instrumental*

## **Welcome & Introduction**

### **Poem - Remember Me' by Margaret Mead**

To the living, I am gone.  
To the sorrowful, I will never return.  
To the angry, I was cheated,  
But to the happy, I am at peace,  
And to the faithful, I have never left.  
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.  
So as you stand upon a shore, gazing at a beautiful sea – remember  
me.  
As you look in awe at a mighty forest and its grand majesty –  
remember me.  
As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity – remember  
me.  
Remember me in your heart, your thoughts, your memories of the  
times we loved,  
The times we cried, the times we fought, the times we laughed.  
For if you always think of me, I will never be gone.

## **Eulogy**

### **Tribute written by Izzy**

### **Thoughts of Roger**

### **Time for Reflection**

*Music: Dear Darling - Olly Murs*

**Poem - Last Journey**  
**written by Timothy Cooté**

There is a train at the station With a seat reserved just for me  
I'm excited about its destination As I've heard it sets you free  
The trials and tribulations The pain and stress we breathe  
Don't exist where I am going Only happiness I believe  
I hope that you will be there To wish me on my way  
It's not a journey you can join in It's not your time today  
There'll be many destinations Some are happy, some are sad  
Each one a brief reminder Of the great times that we've had  
Many friends I know are waiting Who took an earlier train  
To greet and reassure me That nothing has really changed  
We'll take the time together To catch up on the past  
To build a new beginning One that will always last  
One day you'll take your journey On the train just like me  
And I promise that I'll be there At the station and you will see  
That life is just a journey Enriched by those you meet  
No-one can take that from you It's always yours to keep  
But now as no seat is vacant You will have to muddle through  
Make sure you fulfil your ambitions As you know I'll be watching you  
And if there's an occasion To mention who you knew  
Speak kindly of that person As one day it will be you  
Now I can't except this ending And as it's time for me to leave  
Please make haste to the reception To enjoy my drinks, they're  
free!

**COMMITTAL**

*Exit Music: Come on Everybody, Eddie Cochran*



## **Thank you**

*Tilly, Karen, Mandy, Scott and Wes would like to thank you for all your words of sympathy and support at such a difficult time. We'd like to invite you to join us for refreshments after the service and to share memories of Roger at The Newnham Court Inn.*

## **DONATIONS**

If you wish to make a donation our chosen charity is The London School of Anatomy- please make a cheque payable to the Teachers of Anatomy Trust or "TOAT"