



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Yvonne Hamilton*

28th April 1943 - 2nd October 2023

Service held at Luton Hoo Hotel, Hertfordshire  
Wednesday, 25th of October at 3pm

Service conducted by Mary Barton

*RECEPTION OF COFFIN*

*WELCOME & INTRODUCTION*

*READINGS & EULOGIES*

*Pippa Barrett  
Paul Tornbohm  
Marian Durbidge  
Tom Hart Shea*

*POEMS*

*Freedom - Olive Runner  
Dirge Without Music - Edna St. Vincent Millay  
Do Not Stand by My Grave and Weep - Clare Harner  
When Death Comes - Mary Oliver  
On Death - Kahlil Gibran*

*MUSIC*

*Loch Lomond - Maxine Sullivan  
I Love Paris - Michel Legrand  
Cabaret - Liza Minnelli*

*REFLECTION & FAREWELL*

*On Death - Kahlil Gibran*

*Then Almitra spoke, saying, We would ask now of Death.*

*And he said:*

*You would know the secret of death.*

*But how shall you find it unless you seek it in the heart of life?  
The owl whose night-bound eyes are blind unto the day cannot  
unveil the mystery of light.*

*If you would indeed behold the spirit of death, open your heart  
wide unto the body of life.*

*For life and death are one, even as the river and the sea are one.*

*In the depth of your hopes and desires lies your silent knowledge  
of the beyond;*

*And like seeds dreaming beneath the snow your heart dreams of  
spring.*

*Trust the dreams, for in them is hidden the gate to eternity.*

*Your fear of death is but the trembling of the shepherd when he  
stands before the king whose hand is to be laid upon him in honour.*

*Is the shepherd not joyful beneath his trembling, that he shall  
wear the mark of the king?*

*Yet is he not more mindful of his trembling?*

*For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt  
into the sun?*

*And what is it to cease breathing, but to free the breath from its  
restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God  
unencumbered?*

*Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed  
sing.*

*And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall  
begin to climb.*

*And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly  
dance.*



Refreshments will be served in the Faberge  
Suite,  
Luton Hoo Hotel

### DONATIONS

If you wish to make a donation to our chosen  
charity (Macmillan Cancer Support), it can be  
made care of JJ Burgess Funeral Directors Ltd

Birthday card drawing by Paul Tornbohm