

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?

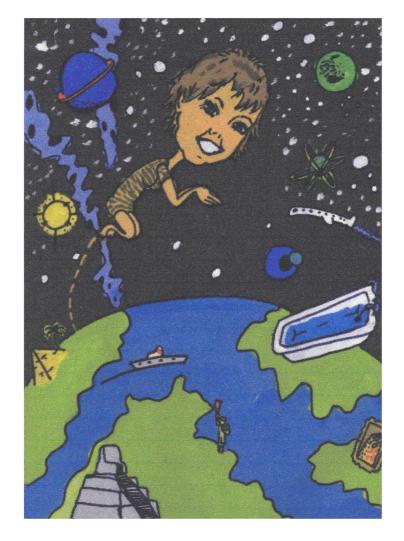
For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun?

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