



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