



**In Loving Memory Of**

*Raymond Anthony Tracey*

**24th September 1939-14th October 2023**

*A Crown Green Bowler's Prayer  
by P. Helliwell*

*Are there Bowling Greens in Heaven Lord?  
Crown Greens I mean for me?  
Will there be lush grass, warm breezes  
And endless cups of tea?*

*When you decide to call me Lord  
In Your special way,  
Could there be a team one player short  
Who might ask me to play?*

*Do you have a pavilion Lord?  
Where we could sit and talk?  
Can you give me lots of energy  
So that I am never short?*

*Could I meet family and friends, Lord?  
All those who have gone before?  
Have you lots of seats for supporters?  
And markers who will score?*

*Would you volunteer to be Captain, Lord?  
To ensure there is fair play?  
For if you draw the cards, and measure,  
I hope to play for you someday*

Entrance Music  
Green Green Grass of Home by Tom Jones

*Ray would have loved everyone to read about one of his many wins today and smile. We hope you enjoy this find as much as the family did. Still a machine in his 70's!*

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## **Take-off time for Aerospace ace**

**RAY Tracey (British Aero-space) won the Chadderton Bowling League's President's Handicap with a 21-12 defeat of Paul Heap (Springbank) at North Chadderton Social and Bowling Club.**

**Tracey's excellent leads were a feature of his finals night performance and deservedly earned him the trophy and £100 top prize.**

**He booked his place in the final with a 21-12 semi-final verdict against home green man Peter Duce, while Heap had a ding-dong battle against Mark Dwayre (Royton) before progressing.**

**Heap opened a 20-14 lead on a short mark in front of the club, but Dwayre hit back in the corners to level at 20 across before a slack lead proved costly.**

**The final was played in testing conditions, but Tracey's consistent leads over 45 yards saw him cruise to a 21-12 success**

Exit Music  
My Way by Elvis Presley



## APPRECIATION

Rays family would like to thank you all for your kind support during this time of sadness and for being with us today.

The family have made a decision to celebrate his life at home in private today.

Please always remember Ray with a smile.

Tuesday 31st october

11am

Blackley Crematorium, Victoria Ave, Manchester M9 8PJ