

A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF

*Ronald Derek Payne*  
*'Ron'*



*23rd February 1939 ~ 6th December 2023*

Service held at: Eltham Crematorium

Celebrant: Nicola Taylor

On Monday 8th January 2024 at 1.15pm

## ***Running order***

***Entry Music: End of the Line. Traveling Wilburys***

### ***Words of welcome***

#### ***Prayer***

*Help us, God, to focus on that which enables us to keep going. Remind us that time will never erase the memories and that for a moment we're not alone as we sit here together. We give thanks for the times we had with our loved ones, both the ups and the downs of living life, but most of all we're grateful for love which is stronger than death. Help us to bear our sorrow without bitterness, to look forward slowly, one day at a time and to gain some comfort from those who can help us ease our pain...  
Be with us now as we encourage and support each other. Amen*

#### ***Hymn: Morning has Broken***

- 1. Morning has broken,  
like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken,  
like the first bird  
Praise for the singing,  
praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing  
fresh from the word*
- 2. Sweet the rain's new fall,  
sunlit from heaven  
Like the first dewfall,  
on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness  
where his feet pass*
- 3. Mine is the sunlight,  
mine is the morning  
Born of the one light,  
Eden saw play  
Praise with elation,  
praise every morning  
God's recreation  
of the new day*

## ***The Wonderful Life of Ron***

***Visual Tribute: I Want to Know What Love Is. Foreigner***

### ***Committal***

#### ***Lord's Prayer***

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

***Reflection Music: Moon River. Andy Williams***

#### ***Poem: Let Me Go***

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little, but not for long  
And not with your head bowed low  
Remember the love that once we shared  
Miss me, but let me go.  
For this is a journey we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the master plan  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at all the things we used to do  
Miss me, but let me go.*

#### ***Closing Words of Comfort***

***Exit Music: My Way. Frank Sinatra***



*As a family, we would like to thank you for your kind words and support during this difficult time.  
We would like to invite you to join us after the funeral to celebrate and reminisce our memories of Ron at:*

*New Eltham Social Club  
32 Avery Hill Road  
London  
SE9 2BD*

*Thank you all for coming*