



A celebration of the life of



Michael Kirby

28th March 1943 - 28th February 2024

RECEPTION OF COFFIN - Danny Boy

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION
Reverend Paul Lock

Abide With Me

Henry Francis Lyte

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide:
The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour,
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies,
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee,
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Eulogy by Della

The Lord's my Shepherd

Jessie Seymour Irvine

The lords my shepherd, ill not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own names' sake.

Yea, though I walk through deaths dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill:
For thou art with me, and they road
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all me life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling- place shall be.

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.



APPRECIATION

Christine, Chris and the family would like to thank you all for your kind thoughts, cards and flowers at this time of sadness.

please join us to celebrate Michaels life after the service

Holland Hall
The Garden suite
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DONATIONS

If you wish to make a donation to our chosen charity (Bowel Cancer UK), it can be made care of W Banks Funeral Directors, Orrell, Wigan.