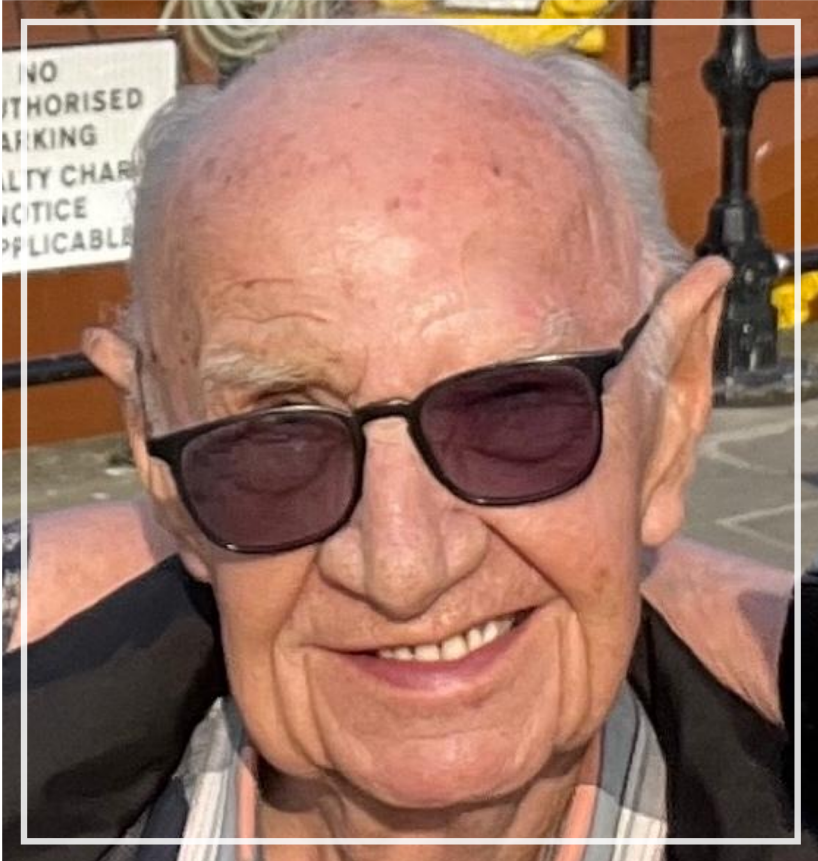


# Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



**John Perry**

**4th January 1941 - 4th May 2024**

**SERVICE HELD AT OVERDALE CREMATORIUM, BOLTON  
WEDNESDAY, 22nd OF MAY, 2PM**

*Arrival at the Crematorium*  
*Music: You've Got A Friend - Carole King*

*Welcome and Gathering Words*

`Rev. Tony McNeile

*Prayer and Eulogy`*

Rev. Tony McNeile

*On Mersey's Muddy Banks written by John Perry*

Poem read by Jeff Dawson

When back in Elementary School,  
we chanted verse by rote.  
Of daffodils and birds on wing,  
of which Bill Wordsworth wrote.  
But in back streets of Liverpool,  
no cuckoo and no lark,  
ever woke us from our slumber,  
to enflame us with a spark.  
Our pigeons and our sparrows,  
not immortalised in odes.  
And only dandelions could grow,  
On our pavements, or our road.  
We had no lakes, no woods or streams,  
Though we could hear the seagulls screams.  
On our river, it is true,  
but on the The Mersey's muddy banks,  
no flowers grew.  
When fed up playing,  
knock on door and run away,  
Or kick the can right down our street.  
we'd plan a day away,  
we'd travel on the Woolton Tram.  
To pass by Strawberry Fields,  
forever seeking something new.  
But in those Strawberry Fields,  
no strawberries ever grew.

*Tribute*

Eric Perry

*Music: Hallelujah - Leonard Cohen*

Sung by Sally Rivers

*Slides: Remembering John*

*Prayer of Commendation*

Rev. Tony McNeile

*Committal and Blessing*

Rev. Tony McNeile

*Committal Music: Jerusalem - William Blake/Hubert Parry*

And did those feet in ancient time  
walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
on England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
among those dark Satanic Mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight,  
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant Land.



## **APPRECIATION**

THE FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING AND FOR  
YOUR LOVE AND KIND SUPPORT DURING THIS TIME OF SADNESS.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE SERVICE-  
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BOLTON, BL1 1DY

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