

# *Celebrating*

THE LIFE OF



**Richard James Alexander Topp**

*7th July 1956 - 29th April 2024*

Service held today

6th June 2024, 11.00 at South West Middlesex Crematorium

*PROCESSIONAL MUSIC - Le Onde – Ludovico Einaudi*

*WELCOME - Martin Richards - Funeral Celebrant*

*POEM - Funeral Blues by W H Auden*

*HYMN - Lord of the Dance*

*1. I danced in the morning  
When the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon  
And the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven  
And I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

*Chorus: Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all,  
wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all  
in the Dance, said he.*

*2. I danced for the scribe  
And the pharisee,  
But they would not dance  
And they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen,  
For James and John -  
They came with me  
And the Dance went on.*

*3. I danced on the Sabbath  
And I cured the lame;  
The holy people  
Said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped  
And they hung me high,  
And they left me there  
On a Cross to die.*

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*4. I danced on a Friday  
When the sky turned black -  
It's hard to dance  
With the devil on your back.  
They buried my body  
And they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the Dance,  
And I still go on.*

## ***EULOGY***

***TRIBUTES - by Richard's family***

***REFLECTION - The Lark Ascending - Vaughn Williams***

## ***THE COMMITIAL***

***The Lords Prayer***

***POEM - Eden Rock By Charles Causley***

## ***WORDS OF FAREWELL***

***RECESSIONAL MUSIC - Songbird by Fleetwood Mac***



## **APPRECIATION**

RICAHRD'S FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR  
KIND SUPPORT DURING THIS TIME OF SADNESS.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE SERVICE AT:

THE KINGFISHER PUBLIC HOUSE  
Chertsey Bridge Rd, Chertsey KT16 8LF  
From 12:30PM

(Use Ferry Lane Laleham to avoid roadworks)

## **DONATIONS**

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