

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 COMMITTAL

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

RICHARD ADORED ANIMALS, ESPECIALLY DOGS. IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A
DONATION TO OUR CHOSEN CHARITY, BATTERSEA DOGS HOME PLEASE DO SO
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