

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Neil Anthony Bramwell



13th August 1953 - 5th June 2024

Service held at Cambridge Crematorium

Tuesday 2nd July, at 11.30am

RECEPTION OF COFFIN

Coffin bearers:
John Bramwell
Ian Bramwell
Steve Bramwell
Richard Fairbairn

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Celebrant: Alan Brand

Not, How Did He Die, But How Did He Live?

Anonymous

Not, how did he die, but how did he live?
Not, what did he gain, but what did he give?
These are the units to measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.
Not what was his church, nor what was his creed?
But had he befriended those really in need?
Was he ever ready, with words of good cheer,
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?
Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say,
But how many were sorry when he passed away?

EULOGY

Neil had an enquiring mind and enjoyed helping others question the way things worked in order to enhance their understanding of science and the natural world. This passage by one of Neil's favourite authors Isaac Asimov reflects Neil's passion for education and style of teaching.

Thoughts on Education

Isaac Asimov

"People think of education as something that they can finish. And what's more, when they finish, it's a rite of passage. You're finished with school. You're no more a child, and therefore anything that reminds you of school - reading books, having ideas, asking questions - that's kid's stuff. Now you're an adult, you don't do that sort of thing any more.

If you enjoy learning, there's no reason why you should stop at a given age. People don't stop things they enjoy doing just because they reach a certain age.

What's exciting is the actual process of broadening yourself, of knowing there's now a little extra facet of the universe you know about and can think about and can understand. It seems to me that when it's time to die, there would be a certain pleasure in thinking that you had utilized your life well, learned as much as you could, gathered in as much as possible of the universe, and enjoyed it. There's only this one universe and only this one lifetime to try to grasp it. And while it is inconceivable that anyone can grasp more than a tiny portion of it, at least you can do that much."

These words also reflect how Neil pursued new interests following his retirement, including carpentry and bird photography.



Appreciation

The 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 Three Horseshoes
High Street
Madingley, CB23 8AB*

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