

Celebrating
the life of



Michael Howard Shaw

26th September 1958 to 10th August 2024

*An unattended cremation conducted by Celebration of Life
Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 8:20 am*

In accordance with Michaels wishes



Our Michael

Three sugars in his coffee,
Two sugars in his tea.
Lighting up a cigarette,
Ashtray perched on knee.

Several new books on the go,
Birdlife of Southern Spain.
A Michael Palin travelog,
Journey on an African plain.

Wildlife study his passion,
A knowledge second to none.
In the world of Ornithology,
He knew them all, everyone.

Radio Football on Saturday,
Bradford City was his team.
Shout of elation if they score,
Rarely did, but dared to dream.

Books and periodicals everywhere
Family photos on the wall.
A collection of wildlife ornaments
Compact disc of British birdcall.

Wifi contract never connected,
Technology wasn't his thing.
Old Nokia phone twenty years old,
"I must give Craig a ring"

Living in Bingley by the River,
An idyllic country home.
Contented in his simple life,
On his own but never alone.

Blue Riband or Oatie biscuit,
Swiss Roll with a cup of tea.
Lighting up a cigarette,
Ashtray perched on knee.



Dont think of me has gone away,
My journey has just begun.
Life holds so many facets,
This Earth is only one.
Just think of me as resting,
From the sorrows and tears.
In a place of warmth and comfort,
Where there are no days and years.

an extract from
his Journey's just begun
by Ellen Brennerman