

*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE OF



*Robert Schonewald*

1st February 1954 - 23rd August 2024

*Service held at Holy Trinity Church, Southwick, Sunderland  
Monday 16th of September 2024 at 10:30am*

*Cremation to follow at Sunderland Ceremeterium at 11:30am*

## ***WELCOME & INTRODUCTION***

**Music - 'Hello Again' by Neil Diamond  
performed by Bob Schonewald**

### ***Opening prayer***

God of all consolation, your Son Jesus Christ was moved to tears at the grave of Lazarus his friend. Look with compassion on your children in their loss; give to troubled hearts the light of hope and strengthen in us the gift of faith, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **EULOGY**

***By Shannon Pearl (Bob's granddaughter)***

### **POEM**

**Read by *Janet Laverick (Bob's sister) 'Still' by Char Marks***

Listen. There is silence now. This stillness.  
Gradually we will get used to it. But, for now,  
It is strange. You have left such a gap.  
Our world is in shock. Holding its breath  
But listen closer – all your laughter, all your love  
Is still ringing out. Still holding us.  
All of our memories of you are still with us.  
All the love we shared is still in every one of us.  
And although we ache from this loss of you,  
You will always be here – as still and steady,  
And fierce as any star.  
Look. You are shining  
Bright through all our skies  
We thank you  
For sharing your life with us.

***Reading: John 11: 17 – 27 & Prayers***

***The Lord's Prayer:***

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

***'Penny for your Thoughts' original song performed by YUMA***

You came from the land of the hardworking man,  
They don't make them like they used to anymore,  
The mouth of the river is where it all began,  
Our industry revolved around the shore.

***Tell me tall tales of darkness and the light,  
sadness and glory a penny for your thoughts tonight.***

The concrete jungle you once called home,  
Your dad had to work his fingers to the bone,  
To pay for the coal they'd burn that used to keep you warm,  
In a community where you'd never feel alone.  
Big Things, small beginnings... x3

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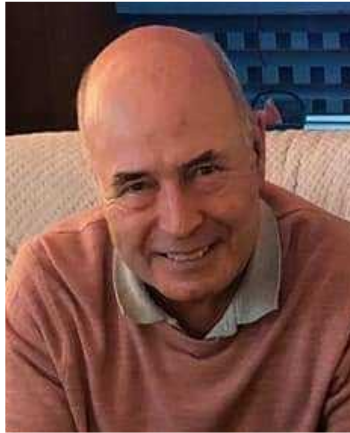
***Blessing & Commendation***

***Music - 'Sunshine on Leith'***

*by The Proclaimers*

*performed by Bob Schonewald.*

***Committal to follow at Sunderland Crematorium 11:30am***



## APPRECIATION

*The family would like to thank you all for your  
kind support during this time of sadness.*

*Please join us at 12pm for a celebration of Robert's life at:*

***The Royal Navy Club***  
***Roker Avenue***  
***SR6 0HX***

## DONATIONS

*If you wish to make a donation to our chosen charity  
(Macmillan Nurses) there will be collection boxes both at the church and  
the crematorium.*