

# *Celebrating*

THE LIFE OF



*John Alfred Ward*

19th August 1945 - 20th July 2023

*Service held at  
Manchester Crematorium  
Barlow Moor Road  
Chorlton  
M21 7GZ*

## **RECEPTION OF COFFIN**

*Entrance Music: Smile by Nat King Cole*

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

*Opening prayer*

*Reading: John 14: 1-7*

*Let not your hearts be troubled; believe [a] in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him.*

*Minister's Tribute*

*Tribute by Alison (John's daughter)*

*Tribute by Emma (John's granddaughter)*

*Minister's Homily*

*Prayers*

*Commendation*

*Committal*

*Curtain closing: Fields of Gold by Sting*

*Poem: Life*

*It does not do to dwell on death  
But live your life with every breath  
Seeking answers to questions no one can give  
This is your life, get out and live  
Never waste a single day  
Don't take to heart what others say  
This is your life to shape and hone  
We enter and we leave alone  
Search in your heart and you will see  
There is so much more to you and me  
When loved ones pass don't sit and mourn  
Their time did come, their souls reborn  
One day when the time is right  
You will close your eyes and see the light  
A wondrous journey you will take  
Leading you to heaven's gate  
So live your life and please don't worry  
We all get there one day, so what's the hurry  
There is more to life than we will ever know  
Just sit back and enjoy the show*

*Exit Music: My Farewell Party by Gene Watson*



APPRECIATION

*The family would like to thank you all for your kind support during this time of sadness, and welcome you all to join them to celebrate John's life and share story's and memories of John.*

*Refreshments will be served after the service at:*

***THE CORNER SHOP***

***PUB***

***RYLANCE STREET***

***BESWICK***

***M11 3NA***