

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

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