

A celebration of the life of



Rosemary May Lavender Benson

31st May 1934 - 25th September 2023

Family Chapel, Eastbourne Crematorium

Wednesday, 25th of October

The Gentle Gardner, by Edward Albert Guest

I'd like to leave but daffodills
to mark my little way,
To leave but tulips red and white
behind me as I stray;
I'd like to pass away from earth
and feel I'd left behind
But roses and forget-me-nots
for all who come to find.

I'd like to sow the barren spots
with all the flowers of earth,
To leave a path where those who come
should find but gentle mirth;
And when at last I'm called upon
to join the heavenly throng
I'd like to feel along my way
I'd left no sign of wrong.

And yet the cares are many
and the hours of toil are few;
There is not time enough on earth
for all I'd like to do;
But, having lived and having toiled,
I'd like the world to find
Some little touch of beauty
that my soul had left behind.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Entry Music

Concerto In D Major Rv93 (Largo), Vivaldi
Played By John Williams

Welcome and Opening Words

by Celebrant, Ellie Roper

Family Tribute

read by Celebrant

A Moment for Reflection with Music

Memory, Andrew Lloyd Webber/Trevon Nunn
Performed by Elaine Paige

Poem

The Gentle Gardner, by Edward Albert Guest
Read by Mark Benson

The Committal

Closing Words

by Celebrant

Music for Close of Ceremony

Recuerdos De La Alhambra, Francesco Tárrega
Played By John Williams



*Time for us to part now, we won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, shining in the sky.
Every waking moment and
All your whole life through
Just look for me & love me,
As you know I loved you.*

Reception after the Service

You are warmly invited to join the family for the reception at
The Red Lion, Lion Hill, Stone Cross, BN24 5EG

Donations

If you are minded to make a donation in memory of May
we suggest that you make a special gift this year to
the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal