



# Michael Barnett

5th October 1939-14th July 2024

Colchester Cemetery & Crematorium

Thursday 22nd August 2024 @ 3.15pm

## ENTRANCE

Ave Maria-Andrea Bocelli

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Lead by Jenny Humphries

## TRIBUTE

### 'DAD'S STORY'

Written & Read by Lauren

There's so much I could say dad and it's hard to know where to start  
So I will just go from the beginning and from the bottom of my heart

You were born many moons ago as Michael Norman Stanley B  
To Gracie and Stanley and you were a little team of three

A family business of publishers and East London was your home  
A happy early life you lived without a tv or a phone

You were a British Champion diver and dove from great heights without fear  
But polio sadly infected you and cost you an Olympic career

You were in hospital for two years with death in plain sight  
Until Christmas Eve when you suddenly starting singing Silent Night

You went through grammar school great at maths and your 123  
Then you worked in London before taking over GIB

You then met lovely mum, Annie as she's known  
You saw her from a friend's window in leather trousers that she owned

From that very moment, the rest they say is history  
Married you became but your brown wedding suit is still a mystery

## **SPECIAL MEMORIES**

### **FAREWELL**

You'll Never Walk Alone-Josh Groban (from Carousel)

### **CLOSING WORDS**

### **RECESSIONAL MUSIC**

One Foot in the Grave-Eric Idle & Richard Wilson  
(Sorry Victor... We had to do it!)

### **DONATIONS**

Mike wished for any kind donations to be made to The National Autistic Society  
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/lauren-bostock-1723137460502#supportersList>





Anne & Lauren would like to thank Hunnabals of Colchester for their kindness & support over the past month.