

A celebration of the life of



TONY LEATHER

17th July 1946 - 31st August 2024

Song TBD

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conducted by Celebrant Tanya Dalley

THE FIRST READING

Read by Jessica Leather

"Perhaps our "life's purpose" has nothing to do with what job we will find, what new thing we will manifest or attract for ourselves, or what mythical awakening journey we will complete.

Perhaps the purpose of our life is to fully live, finally, to touch each here and now moment with our presence and with the gift of our one, wild heart.

And to do whatever we can to help others, to hold them when they are hurting, to listen carefully to their stories and the ways they are attempting to make sense of a world that has gone a bit mad. To speak kind words and not forget the erupting miracle of the other as it appears in front of us.

Perhaps this is the most radical gift that we can all give."

- Matt Licata

EULOGY

Tanya Dalley

SONG

'Dignity' by Deacon Blue

THE SECOND READING

A passage from 'Under Milk Wood' by Dylan Thomas

Read by Poppy Gordon Lennox

*Every morning when I wake,
Dear Lord, a little prayer I make,
O please do keep Thy lovely eye
On all poor creatures born to die*

*And every evening at sun-down
I ask a blessing on the town,
For whether we last the night or no
I'm sure is always touch-and-go.*

*We are not wholly bad or good
Who live our lives under Milk Wood,
And Thou, I know, wilt be the first
To see our best side, not our worst.*

*O let us see another day!
Bless us all this night, I pray,
And to the sun we all will bow
And say, good-bye - but just for now!*

BLESSING

SONG

'Walk of Life' by Dire Straights



"When someone seeks, then it easily happens that his eyes see only the thing that he seeks, and he is able to find nothing, to take in nothing because he always thinks only about the thing he is seeking, because he has one goal, because he is obsessed with his goal. Seeking means: having a goal. But finding means: being free, being open, having no goal."

Herman Hesse, Siddhartha

Refreshments in the barn after the service

Donations

If you wish to make a donation to Tony's chosen charity (Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance), it can be made by visiting www.dsairambulance.org.uk