

In loving memory of
Ronald Ballard



10th July 1933 - 27th September 2024

Service led by Kate Ellis Celebrant
South Essex Crematorium | Monday 28th October 2024 at 11am

Entrance music

Air On A G-String by Bach, performed by London Symphony Orchestra

Welcome & Introduction

Poem

I wandered lonely as a cloud by William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

Words in memory of Ron, written and delivered by Neil

Tribute To The Life of Ron

Reflection music

Spanish Eyes by Al Martino

Final farewell/committal

Poem

Do Not Stand At My Grave and Weep by Mary Elizabeth Fry

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.

Closing words

Recessional music

Take Me Home (Country Roads) by John Denver



Appreciation

Ron's family would like to thank you all for being here today to celebrate his life.

You are warmly invited to join the family to share happy memories over refreshments at:

**Top Meadow Golf Club
North Ockendon
Upminster, RM14 3PR**

Donations

If you wish to make a donation to our chosen charity London Asbestos Support Awareness Group, there is a donation box in the chapel or please see family for Just Giving page information.