

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.