

A Service of Celebration for the life of

Lt Col. John Trevor Nichols

QGM

12th October 1945 ~ 15th October 2021



Monday 8th November 2021 at 12:00pm

Bournemouth Crematorium ~ East Chapel

Conducted by Rob Langdown



Order of Service



Music As We Gather

Perhaps Love ~ John Denver

Welcome & Introduction

Hymn ~ Jerusalem

Choir of Kings College Cambridge

Poem ~ Death Is Nothing At All

*read by Rob ~ John's son in law in Australia
on behalf of his family*

Death is nothing at all.
I have only slipped away into the next room.
I am I, and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other; that we still are.

Call me by my old familiar name,
speak to me in the easy way which you always used.
Put no difference in your tone,
wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Pray, smile, think of me, pray for me.

Let my name be the household word that it always was.
Let it be spoken without effect, without the trace of a shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was.
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?

I am waiting for you,
for an interval somewhere very near,
just around the corner.
All is well.

Eulogy - Memories of John

by Richard Offord MBE

Poem ~ He Is Gone

read by Jane ~ John's stepdaughter

You can shed tears that he is gone
Or you can smile because he has lived

You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
Or you can be full of the love that you shared

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday

You can remember him and only that he has gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what he would want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

A Prayer for John

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Commendation & Committal

John, we commend your free spirit to live on
in the hearts of those whom you have touched along life's way.
Since the earthly John has come to an end,
we commit his body,
to be cremated,
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust;
in sure and certain hope
of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ;
to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen

John, may you rest in peace with all our lost loved ones gone before.
The threads of love that bind us together on life's journey,
are not unravelled here today.

May you rest in peace and rise in glory.

Blessing

Music As We Leave

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot ~ Ella Eyre



Forever in our Hearts

The family would like to thank you for attending the service today. Family & close friends are invited to join us at:

Hotel Miramar, East Overcliff Drive,
Bournemouth BH1 3AL.



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