

A Service of Thanksgiving
for the Life of



LESLIE GORDON BENTICK
'LES'

19th March 1942 ~ 29th December 2023

The Halo Ceremony Hall
Poole Crematorium

Thursday 18th January 2024
1 pm

Independent Celebrant ~ Lyn Fegan

Opening Music

'I Say a Little Prayer' ~ Aretha Franklin

Welcome and Opening Words

Reading ~ Rufus Bord

You grew red ripe tomatoes, and rocked a bodywarmer
And bet on the horses, sat on your comfy chair in the corner.
We'd play in the sea, and huddle up warm
And build perfect sandcastles, with perfect structure and form.

In your greenhouse, you'd teach me about the veg
And I'd gaze upon the flowers, sitting proudly under your hedge.
I'd gorge the ice cream, cold from the freezer
But none was as sweet as your jokes, which were a pleaser.

I'd make dens between your sofas, using the old blankets
And would run to the table for Grandma's delicious banquets.
And as you would say, with your hand upon my shoulder
Your favourite goodbye, "I'll see you when you're older".

Tribute

Reflection

'Sitting on the Dock of the Bay' ~ Otis Redding

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.

Farewell

Hymn

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by,

My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

Reading ~ *Jamie Mills*

He never looked for praises
He was never one to boast
He just went on quietly working
For the ones he loved the most.

His dreams were seldom spoken
His wants were very few
And most of the time his worries
Went unspoken too.

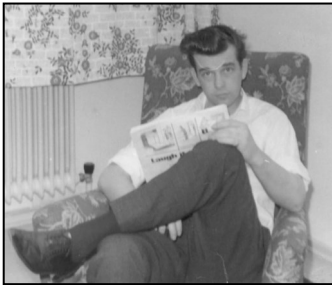
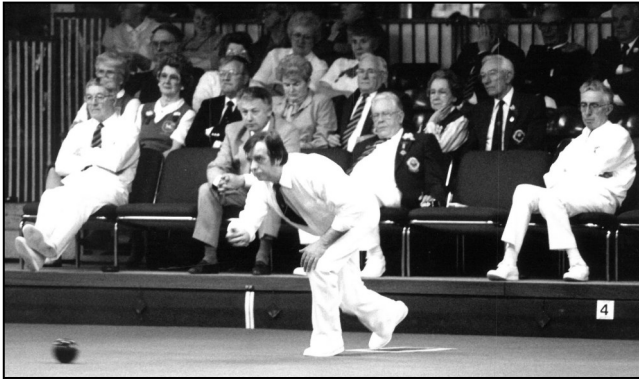
He was there - a firm foundation
Through all our storms of life
A sturdy hand to hold on to
In times of stress and strife.

A true friend we could turn to
When times were good or bad
One of our greatest blessings
The man that we call Grandad.

Music

'Circle of Life' ~ Elton John

Closing Words
Closing Music
'Graceland' ~ Paul Simon



After this ceremony Les's family
hope you will join them at
The Village Inn, Ulwell Road, Swanage BH19 3DG
for refreshments and to share more memories of Les

If you would like to make a donation
in memory of Leslie, towards the work of the
Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and
Friends of Swanage Hospital,
it may be left in the box as you leave the chapel
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