

A Service of Celebration for the life of

John Victor Ballard

23rd April 1943 - 4th January 2024



Poole Crematorium

Friday 26th January 2024

Service led by Neil McCain

Opening Music
'Take A Chance On Me'
Abba

Welcome

Poem
'You Meant So Much'
Cassie Mitchel

You meant so much to all of us
You were special, and that's no lie
You brightened up the darkest day
And the cloudiest sky.

Your smile alone warmed hearts
Your laugh was like music to hear,
We would give absolutely anything
To have you well and standing near.

Not a second passes now
When you're not on our minds
Your love we will never forget
We hope the hurt eases in time.

Many tears we've seen and cried
They've all poured out like rain
We know that you are happy now
And no longer in any pain.

Remembering John

Reflection Music
'Wind Beneath My Wings'
Bette Midler

Poem
'Dear Friends I Go'
Anon

Dear friends I go, but do not weep
I've lived my life so full and deep
Throughout it all I gave my best
I earned my keep, I've earned my rest
I've never tried to be great or grand
I tried to be a helping hand.

If I helped in a team, if I helped on my own
It was more than repaid by
Good family and friends I have known.
And if I went the extra mile
I did it with pleasure – it was all worthwhile.

If I brightened your path then let it be
A small contribution from my loved ones and me
Now sadly I leave you and travel alone
Through the mystic veil to the Great Unknown.

With such beautiful memories
That will forever be
The way that I hope you'll remember me.

Words Of Farewell

Exit Music
'Johnny B. Goode'
Chuck Berry

Thank you for attending this service of
celebration for John's life.

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks for
the cards of condolence, words of comfort, kind support and
sympathy shown to them during this recent sad time.

You are warmly invited for refreshments at
The Royal British Legion, Church Lane, Blandford Forum,
DT11 7AD



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Brain Tumour Research

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