



A Celebration for the Life of
Brian "Ernie" Copelin

3rd October 1944 - 26th March 2026

Monday 20th April at 11am
St Cuthburga, Wimborne Minster
Service conducted by
Canon Andrew Rowland





Order of Service



ENTRY MUSIC

Walk of Life by Dire Straits

WELCOME & OPENING WORDS

POEM

Give Yourself Time by Celia Read

There will be times that lay ahead
When you won't face each day with dread.

Time will slowly heal the pain,
And you will learn to smile again.

It won't be easy, life's not fair,
It's hard without your loved one there.
You won't forget what you've been through,
You won't forgot the love you knew.

Just be patient, take each day
And face it, if it helps then pray
For strength and courage to go on,
Remember you are not alone.

You have people all around
Who love you with a love profound,
Let them help you, lean on them,
And someday soon you'll smile again.

The memories deep within your mind,
The love you'll never leave behind.

Think about that precious love
And gaze up to the stars above.

The one you love is now at peace,
The love you feel will never cease.

THE ADDRESS

Canon Andrew Rowland

TRIBUTE TO DAD

POEM

Dry Your Tears

Dry your tears and laugh again,
Let go your sorrow, release your pain,
Accept that my time on this earth was complete
My lessons all learned, some bitter, some sweet.

Envisage me, so healthy and strong,
Don't cling to the memory of where it went wrong
Don't hold on to heartache and think I'm afar,
For I stand by your side, wherever you are.

In your joy and your sorrow, every night, every day,
I'm there with my love, just one thought away
Step into the sunshine, come out of the rain;
For me dry your tears, for me laugh again



HYMN

Abide with Me

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

COMMENDATION

EXIT MUSIC

Spirit in the Sky by Norman Greenbaum



The Committal will now take place at
Wimborne Cemetery, Cemetery Rd, Wimborne BH21 1EX.
All are welcome to join the family.

Ernie's family would like to thank you for attending this service and warmly invite you to join them for refreshments after the service at Wimborne Football Club, BH21 2FU



Donations in memory of Ernie are for
AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust
These can be made online at
www.funeraldirector.co.uk/brian-copelin
or sent care of



AE JOLLIFFE & SON
FUNERAL DIRECTORS

17 Victoria Road, Ferndown, BH22 9HT
Tel: 01202 872050