

In Loving memory  
of  
*Gillian James*

*'Gill'*



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
11.00am  
The Sheila Kendrick Suite

Service Led By Anna Spendlowe



## **Opening Music**

'Love me Tender' by Elvis Presley

## **Welcome words**

### **Reading**

#### **How Do We Let Our Mother Go?**

How do we let our Mother go?

How do we say, "We're ready now to go on without you?"

How can we ever have a clue of what that really means?

And all of a sudden the moment is upon us, and there's no turning back.

And then we know what grief is, and guilt and love and things undone.

Try to prepare and we will fail in some way, be it subtle or looming....

But there is peace too. Peace and acceptance and overwhelming love that we maybe weren't aware of. Waves and waves of conflicting emotion, and laughter too, and memories we hadn't bothered lately to recall come flooding back in shared company.

And it's all about you Mum..

And there's gratitude. So much of that, that we had you, such a wonderful woman.

Bright and shining, nobody's fool, independent, but humble too;

Loving and kind, and fun.

A part of you has passed away, but much is carried everyday within us,  
and will as long as we are here.

This may be a final tribute,  
A day to celebrate your life and say goodbyes;  
But it's not final.

Every day we'll celebrate in some way, just by the virtue of how you  
shaped our lives,  
the absolute and incredible fortune that we knew you.  
As a mother, a Nanny and a friend.

## **Remembering Mum**

## **A Tribute to Nanny**





## **A Time of reflection**

accompanied by 'Song Sung Blue' by Neil Diamond

### **Reading**

#### **'As We Look Back' by Clare Jones**

As we look back over time  
We find ourselves wondering  
Did we remember to thank you enough  
For all you have done for us?  
For all the times you were by our sides  
To help and support us  
To celebrate our successes  
To understand our problems  
And accept our defeats?  
Or for teaching us by your example,  
The value of hard work, good judgement,  
Courage and integrity?  
We wonder if we ever thanked you  
For the sacrifices you made.  
To let us have the very best?  
And for the simple things  
Like laughter, smiles and times we shared?  
If we have forgotten to show our  
Gratitude enough for all the things you did,  
We're thanking you now.  
And we are hoping you knew all along,  
How much you meant to us.

### **The Farewell**

#### **Closing Words of Comfort**

#### **Closing Music**

'Blue Suede Shoes' by Elvis Presley





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