

A Service to Celebrate the Life of

IAN DONALD SOMERSET

11th September 1960 - 18th May 2026

The Church of The Holy Rood, Wool

Wednesday 3rd June

10:30am



Entry Music

Heroes, *David Bowie*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Reverend Canon Richard Bartlett

Reflection on Ian's life

Tributes

By Naomi and Ben

Poem

By Mick Jolly

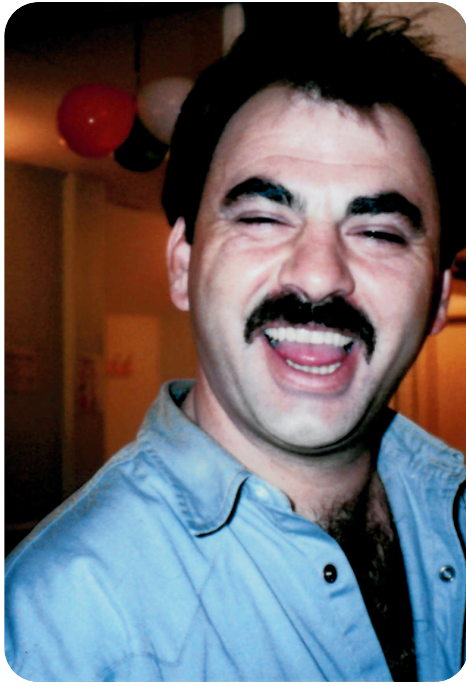
The rumbling tracks are quieted and still,
The mighty tanks of Three RTR stand down.
A sudden void no other man can fill,
A missing smile across our regimented town.

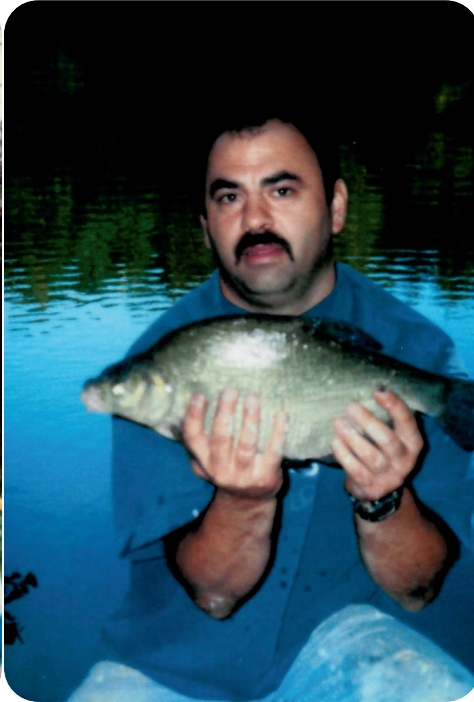
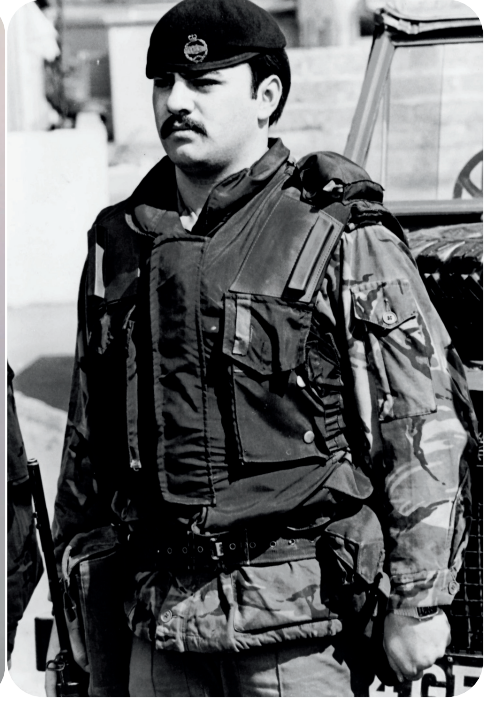
Oh, Ian, you were armour in the fray,
But softer than the steel we used to ride.
Your laughter chased the heaviest clouds away,
With jokes that made the darkest days subside.

They took you from the crew far too ahead,
Before the final sunset could appear.
But every witty word you ever said,
Still echoes in the turrets, sharp and clear.

No mud or miles can dim the joy you grew,
Fearless Companion, loyal to the end.
Black beret high, we raise a glass to you,
Our funniest soldier, and our oldest friend.

Rest easy, Ian, your long patrol is through,
We'll keep the laughter alive here for you.





Reflection Music

Sailing, *Christopher Cross*

Prayers & 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

The Last Post and Reveille

The Blessing

Exit Music

Strong, *London Grammar*

Committal at Weymouth Crematorium

(everyone is welcome to attend)

Entry Music

Angels on my side, *Rick Astley*

Music for Reflection and Slideshow

Sailing, *Christopher Cross*

Prayers

Committal

Exit Music

Baby it's you, *London Grammar*

Ian's family wish to thank you for being here today and warmly invite you to make your way to the Royal British Legion, Colliers Lane, Wool, BH20 6DJ for refreshments following the service.

The family will join you after the committal at the Crematorium.

Donations in memory of Ian for Not Forgotten Association can be made online at:

www.funeraldirector.co.uk/ian-somerset



