



In Loving Memory of

Raymond George Reynolds
'Ray'

1st October 1947 - 21st November 2025

Gedling Crematorium
Saturday 13th December 2025
at 2.00 pm.





Order of Service

Gathering Music

compilation of songs by Portrait

Entrance Music:

Because You Loved Me - Celine Dion

Opening Words





Poem

Although We're Not Together

Although we're not together the way we used to be,
Our hearts remain connected, by a bond no eye can see.
Think softly of our memories and let them be your treasure,
Forget me not as time goes by, I'm in your heart forever.

Tributes

Trevor, Charlotte, Tony, Wendy

Words
from Wendy

Where do I begin to tell the story of how great a love can be - the first line of a song of a love story.

My love story began over 30 years ago when I was invited to a party, I didn't really want to go, having walked away just six months earlier from an awful second marriage.

Reluctantly, I decided to go to the party but had made a vow to myself, I had no intentions of meeting any new men and I would take up knitting and get myself a cat maybe.

That evening at the party started quite unassuming, I sat and talked to other guests and was completely unaware of this guy, Ray, that had arrived. He walked into the room and all the females in the room stared... this charming, tanned and very smooth looking guy smiled and walked over to the adoring group of women, I on the other hand, I thought, no thank you, I can't do with any of that... remember your vow, Wendy.

My friend, seeing me sitting alone, decided to bring Ray over to meet me... her introduction: "Ray meet Wendy, you have a lot in common." Really, I thought, I wonder what that might be? "You both have sons with long hair and you like rock music." We smiled and he sat down next to me. My love story began.

I never did take up knitting or get that cat.

What a journey we've had, my love.

You introduced me to your world which has been so full of joy and adventures. Your love of music, golf, cricket, football, particularly your home team Tottenham... in case your friends haven't noticed, in fact you loved any sports that involved a ball.

I too attempted golf; you would be so patient and supported my many efforts although you would often question my shots when I put you in the rough when we played club games together.

I was particularly good at preparing cricket teas though.

What a wonderful adventure when we decided to live in Spain, you loved everything about our life there and I know it broke your heart when we knew it was time to go back, it broke my heart too as I saw the fear in your eyes.

Ray was a very proud dad and granddad talking often of Charlotte and Courtenay's many achievements, he loved them all dearly.

He enjoyed seeing his grandchildren rowing, actually a sport he'd not tried. He also loved being able to see his step grandsons achieve great things on their cricket journey and also weathered a few bleak Sunday mornings on the side lines watching Adam's two playing rugby.

I'm sure he will be watching over all of you, no matter where you go with your lives.

Sleep peacefully, my love, you are now free from all that you have suffered over the past few years.

Thank you for loving me and being my little drummer boy.

Song

Let It Be Me

Poem

He Is Not Gone

Ease your grief, he is not gone,
For in your heart he lingers on.
His smile, his laugh, his special way
Will comfort you from day-to-day.

You'll feel his presence in the breeze
That dances gently through the trees.
And it's his face that you will see
When you're in need of company.

At any time, you can recall
The love you shared, you saved it all.
And in time, more than anything,
You'll find peace in remembering.



Reflection Music

including a visual tribute

My Way

Frank Sinatra

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.





Committal

Closing Words

Closing Music

Little Drummer Boy



The family would like to thank everyone
for their kind words and support at this sad time.

All are welcome for light refreshment at
Bestwood Lodge Hotel, Bestwood Lodge Drive,
Arnold, Nottingham NG5 8HT.

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