

To Celebrate the Life of

*Raymond David Longley
'Ray'*

12th May 1949 - 5th February 2025



Trent Valley Crematorium

Thursday 6th March 2025

at 11.30 am





ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTRANCE MUSIC

Apache
The Shadows

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION



POEM

The Last Race

I liked a little gamble,
A bet I loved to place.
A rush of the adrenaline,
I loved to watch the race.

I studied all the form
Running heavy on the course,
Sometimes picking colours,
An eye on my favourite horse.

For me it wasn't gambling,
It was a treasured way of life.
It took my mind so far away
From trouble and from strife.

So now it's time for resting.
I've passed the winner's line.
Think of me, a winning ticket,
And how I loved this life of mine.

RAY'S LIFE

TIME FOR REFLECTION

Music: Hooky Street (Only Fools and Horses)
West End Cast





POEM

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo,
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve
to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.



FAREWELL RAY

MUSIC

Let 'Em In

Paul McCartney and Wings

POEM

Our Lives Go On Without You

Our lives go on without you
But nothing is the same.
We have to hide our heartache
When someone speaks your name.

Sad are the hearts that love you,
Silent are the tears that fall.
Living without you
Is the hardest part of all.

You did so many things for us,
Your heart was so kind and true,
And when we needed someone,
We could always count on you.

The special years will not return
When we are all together,
But with the love in our hearts,
You walk with us forever.



COMFORT FOR THE FUTURE

EXIT MUSIC

Mr Blue Sky
Electric Light Orchestra





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

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