

Thank you for coming to say goodbye to Michael today and for your many kind messages of condolence, which are most welcome.

Please join us after the ceremony for refreshments and further reminiscing at:

The Royal George Hotel Roman Road Birdlip Gloucester GL4 8JH

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# A Farewell Ceremony

for

# Michael Clive Brunsdon



27<sup>th</sup> December 1944 ~ 13<sup>th</sup> August 2016

South Chapel Cheltenham Crematorium Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016 At 1.45 pm

#### **Cotswold Corner**

I must return to Cotswold skies, Go back again to Gloucestershire, That holds me with a thousand ties, From yesterday and yesteryear.

Down Sadler's Farm I wander still,
Where childhood memory recalls,
The school, the farm, the yard, the hill,
Neat cottages and dry-stone walls.

And do English bluebells still grow,
To form a carpet where I stood,
Within that little copse I know,
Just off the road in Sapp'rton wood.

Is there a way to loose the chains,
That bind me to an alien earth,
And roam in peace the narrow lanes,
Not far from Elkstone turf.

But shall I find the hand of change,
Has touched the scenes I knew so well,
Would I perhaps feel lost and strange,
In places where my kin still dwell,

Yet if I shouldn't recognise,

Each step where long I'd walked before,

I'm sure the welcome in folk's eyes,

Will tell me that I'm home once more.

## Order of Ceremony

#### **Music on Arrival**

Karelia Suite, Op 11: I, Intermezzo (Jean Sibelius)

### **Welcome and Opening Thoughts**

Jill Rundle, Celebrant

### **Remembering Michael**

A life reflected in poetry, readings and family tributes

Cider with Rosie (Extract: Laurie Lee)

Cotswold Corner (Adapted)

#### **Music for Personal Reflection**

Carmen: Prelude to Act III (Georges Bizet)

The Going (Extract: Thomas Hardy)

The Committal

**Closing Words** 

**Music on Departure**