

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Lawrence Darby

6th September 1930 - 19th January 2026



Sherwood Forest Crematorium

Monday 16th February 2026

at 12.00 noon





Order of Service

Conducted by Cheryl Cooper, Civil Celebrant

Entrance Music

Wings Of A Dove

by Dolly Parton, Tammy Wynette and Loretta Lynn

Opening Words and Welcome

Remembering Lawrence



Poem

Spirit In The Breeze

A little robin, bold and bright,
Hopping by at morning light.
With chest of red and eyes so keen,
The cheeriest bird I've ever seen!

He sings a tune, both sweet and clear,
As if to say, "Hello! I'm here!"
And in his song, I feel the love,
Sent down to me from up above.

With every chirp and flit and flight,
He brings a message, warm and bright.
A gentle song to help me see,
Your love remains a part of me.

The Tribute





Poem

Back In The Days Of Tanners And Bobs

by David Woods

Back in the days of tanners and bobs,
when Mothers had patience and Fathers had jobs.
When football team families wore hand me down shoes,
and T.V. gave only two channels to choose.

Back in the days of three penny bits,
when schools employed nurses to search for your nits.
When snowballs were harmless; ice slides were permitted
and all of your jumpers were warm and hand knitted.

Back in the days of hot ginger beers,
when children remained so for more than six years.
When children respected what older folks said,
and pot was a thing you kept under your bed.
Back in the days of Listen with Mother, when neighbours
were friendly and talked to each other.
When cars were so rare you could play in the street.
When Doctors made house calls; Police walked the beat.



Back in the days of Milligan's Goons,
when butter was butter and songs all had tunes.
It was dumplings for dinner and trifle for tea,
and your annual break was a day by the sea.
Back in the days of Dixon's Dock Green,
Crackerjack pens and Lyons ice cream.
When children could freely wear National Health glasses,
and teachers all stood at the FRONT of their classes.

Back in the days of rocking and reeling,
when mobiles were things that you hung from the ceiling.
When woodwork and pottery got taught in schools,
and everyone dreamed of a win on the pools.
Back in the days when I was a lad, I can't help
but smile for the fun that I had.
Hopscotch and roller skates; snowballs to lob.
Back in the days of tanners and bobs.



A Shared Time of Reflection

Music: Secret Love
by Doris Day

Poem

Legacy Of Love

A husband, a father, a grandad too,
This is the legacy we have for you.
You taught us love and how to fight,
You gave us strength, you gave us might.

A stronger person would be hard to find,
And in your heart, you were always kind.
You fought for us all in one way or another,
And we couldn't of asked for any one better.

For all of us you gave your best,
Now the time has come for you to rest.
So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,
Your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep.



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.



A Loving Farewell

Closing Words

Exit Music

We'll Meet Again

by Vera Lynn







The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone for attending today's service and for their kind words and support shown during this difficult time.

Following the service, all are warmly invited to join the family for refreshments at The Sherwood Inn, Kirklington Road, Rainworth, Mansfield NG21 0LA, where you can continue sharing all your fond memories and stories of Lawrence.

Donations in memory of Lawrence are gratefully received for **Dementia UK.**

Contributions may be placed in the collection box as you leave, made online via the QR code printed on this order of service or sent care of:

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