

In Celebration for the Life of



GEORGE VERNON MOORE  
'VERNON'

28th July 1932 - 3rd August 2025

Tuesday 26th August 2025

at 1.30 pm

Markeaton Crematorium





# ORDER OF SERVICE

## PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

The Skye Boat Song  
The Hound and The Fox  
featuring Ross OC Jennings

## BOSUN'S WHISTLE

Piper's Call

## INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Celebrant, Pete White



READING

Sea-Fever

by John Masefield

read by Kevin

I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,  
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by;  
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking,  
And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn breaking.

I must go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide  
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;  
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,  
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.

I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life,  
To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife;  
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover,  
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.



MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Sailing  
sung by Kevin

REFLECTING ON VERNON'S LIFE

TRIBUTE  
Grandson, Corey

## REFLECTIVE WORDS

On Death

Kahlil Gibran

Then Almitra spoke, saying,  
We would ask now of Death.

And he said:

You would know the secret of death.

But how shall you find it unless you seek it in the heart of life?

The owl whose night-bound eyes are blind unto the day  
cannot unveil the mystery of light. If you would indeed behold the  
spirit of death, open your heart wide unto the body of life.

For life and death are one, even as the river and the sea are one.

In the depth of your hopes and desires lies your silent knowledge of the beyond;

And like seeds dreaming beneath the snow your heart dreams of spring.

Trust the dreams, for in them is hidden the gate to eternity.

Your fear of death is but the trembling of the shepherd  
when he stands before the king whose hand is to be laid upon him in honour.

Is the shepherd not joyful beneath his trembling,  
that he shall wear the mark of the king?

Yet is he not more mindful of his trembling?

For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun?

And what is it to cease breathing, but to free the breath from its restless tides,  
that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered?

Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing.

And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb.

And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance.



TRIBUTE  
from Kevin



## ACT OF FAREWELL

In the hush of twilight's gentle sigh,  
Where golden rays embrace the sky,  
A journey calls, beyond our sight,  
To realms aglow with endless light.

Through valleys deep and mountains high,  
Where whispered winds and rivers vie,  
Your spirit sails on wings of grace,  
To find its peaceful, resting place.

Though tears may fall like morning dew,  
And hearts are heavy, missing you,  
Know that love will guide your way,  
As you embark on this new day.

So Vernon, go with courage, go with peace,  
May all your pain and worries cease,  
For in the arms of timeless rest,  
You'll find a home, forever blessed.

## MUSIC FOR VISUAL TRIBUTE

Photograph - Ringo Starr



PRAYER

Navy Prayer After Death

*including*

THE LORDS 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.



CLOSING WORDS

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Singin' In The Rain

Gene Kelly





Vernon's family would like to thank you for attending today and are grateful for your kindness and words of support during this time.

They would like to warmly welcome you all back to the  
Hawk and Buckle, Etwall  
for light refreshments following this service.

Any donations made in loving memory of Vernon will support the  
**League of Friends, Royal Derby Hospital**  
and may be sealed in the donation envelope  
and placed in the box on leaving the service.

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