In Loving Memory of



Lily Nixon 13th February 1929 - 6th May 2020

Bramcote Crematorium

Tuesday 26th May 2020 at 2.45 pm



Order of Service



Entrance Music I'll Be Seeing You ~ Bing Crosby

Introduction

Opening Prayer

Hymn for Reflection The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again, And me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, Yet will I fear none ill; For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.

> My table Thou hast furnishèd In presence of my foes; My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me; And in God's house for evermore My dwelling-place shall be.

Scottish Psalter (1650)

Bible Reading Matthew, Chapter 5: verses 3-8 read by Kay Buck

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



Eulogy

Music for Reflection Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star sung by Gabriela Meneses (aged 3)



Prayers

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.





Prayer of Commendation

Prayer of Committal

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Exit Music Remember Me ~ G4







Lily was born on 13th February 1929 in Nantwich, Cheshire; the eldest child of Edith and Richard Sutton. She had six brothers and sisters; the two youngest, David and Jean, continue to live in Nantwich.

When she left school she went to work in a clothing factory where she learnt to sew, making men's trousers.

After the end of the Second World War, she went to work at Radway Green making bullets, and this is where she met John Nixon.

Their courting was mainly Saturday afternoons in Hanley followed by a Stoke City football match one week, and to the Speedway the next; often followed by supper at Jack's parents' house in Goldenhill and then a trip home to Nantwich on Jack's motorbike; she always complained of having freezing feet.

They married on 2nd May 1951 at Nantwich Church and went to live with Lily's parents in Nantwich. She was devastated when they lost their first child a couple of hours after her birth.

One weekend they visited Jack's sister in Nottingham and decided to stay. They rented a room and lived with a lady known as Aunt Liza. When Liza died, they took over the tenancy of the two-bed terraced house where they lived until it was pulled down at the end of the sixties.

In 1955, their daughter, Barbara, was born. Once Barbara went to school, Lily worked in a greengrocer's shop in Denman Street. When they moved from Old Radford to Bilborough, she went to work at the local Boots the chemist's shop, becoming a senior shop assistant heading up the Toiletries Department. She was overjoyed when her first grandchild, Kay, was born in 1984 and was thrilled to meet her grandson, Alan, in 1987. She retired to look after them so Barbara could go out to work and spent many hours with them each week; she was devoted to them and enjoyed doing lots of things with them.

She welcomed Phil into the family in 1994 and really appreciated all the many things he did for her, especially after Jack died in 2001.

She loved seeing her grandchildren marry and was delighted when Natalia and Matt joined the family. She was elated with the births of her great-grandchildren, Gabriela and Joshua, whom she adored, and, despite becoming increasingly frail in the last few years, she became superhuman when playing with them.

She was a great sewer, making clothes for herself and Barbara, and a prolific knitter, making jumpers and cardigans for the family. In later years, with her eyesight becoming impaired, she still made cardigans, hats and gloves for not only her great-grandchildren, but the children of friends too.

She lived independently until near the end, enjoying seeing her friends and family on a regular basis. She missed her long-time friend, Peggy, when she moved to London to live in a residential home near her family, but kept touch by phone, speaking most weeks. She took great pleasure in meeting her good friend, Margaret, for coffee and a chat most days.

She was affectionately known to many as Auntie Lil welcoming them into her home and providing them with drinks, biscuits, sweets and a hug.

She was a lovely lady and a good friend to numerous people. She was loved by all and leaves a huge hole in all our lives. She will be missed enormously by her family and friends.



The family would like to thank you all for your kind words and support at this sad time.

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