# In Loving Memory of



# Stephen John Sharpe 'Steve'

Sunrise 27th May 1959 – Sunset 7th December 2022

South West Middlesex Crematorium Saturday 17th December 2022 11.00am

# Order of Service

Led by Revd Debs Wignall and Revd Alan Jackson

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

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Fanfare For The Common Man Emerson, Lake and Palmer

# **ENTRY MUSIC**

How Long Will I Love You The Waterboys

# WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYERS

#### HYMN

#### O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by: Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth, And praises sing to God our King, And peace to men on earth. For Christ is born of Mary; And, gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming; But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.

> O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in: Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell: O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel. *Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)*

#### EULOGY AND MEMORIES OF STEVE

#### POEM

#### Not, How Did He Die, But How Did He Live? Author Unknown

Not, how did he die, but how did he live? Not, what did he gain, but what did he give? These are the units to measure the worth Of a man as a man, regardless of his birth. Nor what was his church, nor what was his creed? But had he befriended those really in need? Was he ever ready, with words of good cheer, To bring back a smile, to banish a tear? Nor what did the sketch in the newspaper say, But how many were sorry when he passed away?

#### PHOTO TRIBUTE

accompanied by **Fisherman's Blues** The Waterboys

#### READING

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11

#### **REFLECTION MUSIC**

# Beautiful

Marillion

#### 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 AND COMMITTAL

# The Blessing

Kari Jobe

# FINAL BLESSING

## MUSIC AS WE LEAVE

# **Breakthru** *Queen*

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**Gone Fishing** *by Dalmar Pepper* 

I've finished life's chores assigned to deliver, So put me on a boat headed down the river. Please send along my fishing rod and bait For I've been invited to the lake at Heaven's gate. Where every day is one to fish, To fill your heart with every wish. Don't feel sad for me, or start to shiver I'm fishing with the Master of the river. We will miss each other for a while, But you will come and bring your smile. That won't be long you will see, Till we're together you and me. To those that remember me in dreams, Be happy as I'm angling in the streams. If others wonder why I'm missing Just tell them I've gone fishing



The family wish to thank all those gathered here today, and extend a warm invitation for refreshments and to continue to share memories of Steve at Hanworth Royal British Legion Club 22 Cross Street, Hanworth TW13 6QW

If desired, donations in Steve's memory may be made to **The Princess Alice Hospice** or **The Shooting Star** via the online memorial page at www.funeralguide.co.uk/obituaries/106605





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