

A Celebration of the Life of



David Rigley
'Dave'

18th February 1941 - 21st August 2026

All Saints' Church, Ockbrook
Thursday 1st October 2026 at 11.00 am



Order of Service





Gathering Music

The John Dunbar Theme from *Dances With Wolves*
by John Barry

Entrance Music

'Nimrod' from *The Enigma Variations*
by Edward Elgar

Welcome and Opening Prayers

Reverend Tim Sumpter



Poem

The Dash by Linda Ellis
read by Phil Dover

I read of a man who stood to speak
at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on the tombstone
from the beginning to the end.

He noted first came the date of the birth
and spoke the following date with tears,
but he said what mattered most of all
was the dash between the years.

For that dash represents all the time
that they spent life on Earth,
and now only those who loved them
know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own,
the cars, the house, the cash.
What matters is how we live and love,
and how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard.
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left
that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
to consider what's true and real,
and always try to understand
the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,
and show appreciation more,
and love the people in our lives
like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect
and more often wear a smile,
remembering that this special dash
might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read
with your life's actions to rehash,
would you be proud of the things they say
about how you spent your dash?



Hymn

I vow to thee, my country,
All earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect,
The service of my love:
The love that asks no question,
The love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar
The dearest and the best;
The love that never falters,
The love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted
The final sacrifice.

And there's another country
I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her,
Most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies,
We may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart,
Her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently
Her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness
And all her paths are peace.

Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918)

Family Eulogy

by Lisa and Jan



Reflection

including a visual tribute to David

Music: Hoppípolla by Sigur Rós

Instrumental

Prayers

The Corps Collect
(Prayer of the Royal Corps of Signals)
read by Brian Pettifer

Almighty God, whose messengers go forth in every age giving light and understanding, grant that we, of the Royal Corps of Signals, who speed the word of person to person, may be swift and sure in sending the message of Thy truth into all the world. May we serve Thee faithfully and, with the help of Thy Holy Spirit, make such success of our soldierly duties on this earth, that we may be found worthy to receive the Crown of Life hereafter, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers

Reverend Tim Sumpter

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.



Military Eulogy for 'Red'

by Bob Etherton

The Last Post - Silence - The Reveille

All please stand if you are able.

David's military friends are invited to stand with him during The Last Post, wearing headdress if you so wish. If you feel it appropriate, we welcome a salute for David at the end of The Reveille or stand to attention if you prefer.



Exit Music

There You'll Be
by Faith Hill



*All are welcome to join the family at
Trent Valley Crematorium.*

The Committal

Entrance Music

The Ties That Bind
by Brook Benton

Welcome and Silence to remember David

Reverend Tim Sumpter

Poem

Final Instructions
read by Kev Rigley

The Committal

Exit Music

I Don't Want To Miss A Thing
by Aerosmith







Helen, Lisa, Jan, Leo and Whitney thank you so much for all your kind thoughts, words of comfort and support at this difficult time.

All are welcome for light refreshments at:
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Ockbrook, Derby DE72 3SE.

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