

A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF

# **BILL MATTHEWS**

8<sup>th</sup> May 1925 - 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021



Test Valley Crematorium

Romsey

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 at 1pm



**MUSIC** – Mike Oldfield's 'Portsmouth'  
*(the music used when Portsmouth FC go onto the pitch)*

## **INTRODUCTION & WELCOME**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

#### **HYMN – Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
O, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
for those in peril on the sea!

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard  
and hushed their raging at thy word,  
who walkedst on the foaming deep,  
and calm amidst its rage didst sleep:  
O, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
for those in peril on the sea!

O Holy Spirit! Who didst brood  
upon the waters dark and rude,  
and bid their angry tumult cease,  
and give, for wild confusion, peace:  
O, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
for those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power,  
our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect us wheresoe'er they go:  
thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

### **READING – If I Should Go**

Read by Emma Drodge, Bill's granddaughter

If I should go before the rest of you  
Break not a flower nor inscribe a stone  
Nor when I'm gone speak in a Sunday voice  
But be the usual selves that I have known  
Weep if you must  
Parting is hell  
But life goes on  
So sing as well.

**TRIBUTE – Derek Doe**

**On behalf of the**

**Lymington Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club**

**EULOGY**

## **HYMN – The Old Rugged Cross**

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary.

Refrain:

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share.

Refrain:

**REFLECTION – Revd Rachel Noël**

## **PRAYERS**

*Including the Lord's Prayer, said together:*

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

## **THE COMMENDATION**

## **THE COMMITTAL**

## **THE BLESSING**

**MUSIC** – Vera Lynn – We'll meet again

Donations in memory of Bill – Cheques made out to: –  
Lymington Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club or  
The Firefighters Charity. Via Diamonds Funeral Directors



