

Charlie Legg

23rd August 1939 – 25th January 2019



West Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium
Friday 8th February, 1.00 pm

So Many Different Lengths of Time

How long is a man's life finally? Is it a thousand days, or only one?
One week, or a few centuries? And how much does he live while he lives?

How long does a man's death last?
And what do we mean when we say, 'gone forever'?

We fret and ask so many questions – then it comes to us
the answer is so simple.

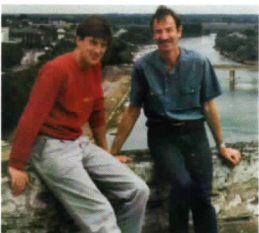
A man lives for as long as we carry him inside us,
for as long as we carry the harvest of his dreams,
and his work moves the lives of others, for as long as we ourselves live,
holding memories in common, a man lives.

His lover will carry her man's scent, his touch:
his children will carry the weight of his love.
One friend will carry his arguments,
another will hum his favourite tunes, another will dance for him,
another will broadcast the seed of his laughter,
and some will still share his terrors.

And the days will pass with baffled faces, then the weeks, then the months,
then there will be a day when no question is asked,
and the knots of grief will loosen in the stomach,
and the puffed faces will calm.

And on that day he will not have ceased,
but will have ceased to be separated by death.

How long does a man live, finally?
A man lives so many different lengths of time.



Order of Service

Led by Margaret Gibson, Humanists UK



Entry Music

'Death and the Maiden'

String Quartet No.14 in D minor, second movement, Schubert

Performed by The Lindsays



Welcome and Opening Words

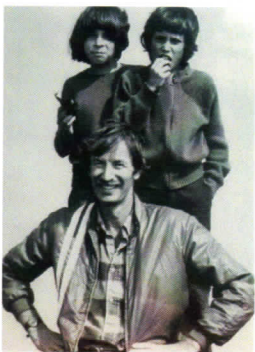
Tributes to Charlie

Ruth Hawthorn

Jess Baker-Pike

Justin Dubon

Margaret Gibson



Reflection

Committal

Closing Words

Closing Music

What a Wonderful World, Louis Armstrong

After the service you are all invited to share refreshments and happy memories of Charlie at The London Irish Centre, 50-52 Camden Square, Camden, NW1 9XB



Tributes at The Irish Centre

Charlie's volunteering in the community

Rasheeda Graham

John Cowley

Charlie's love of sailing

Robert MacGibbon



Kate and family would like to thank everyone for being here today and for your kind messages of sympathy and support.

