

*A Service of Celebration and
Thanksgiving for the Life of*



*Derek James Thomas
'Del'*

22nd September 1936 ~ 18th September 2018

Funeral Service

Friday 12th October 2018 at 2.00 pm

Woollensbrook Crematorium,

Hertford Road, Hoddesdon



Order of Service

Led by Ruth Silverstone, Humanist Celebrant

Prelude

'Bye Bye Blues'
Bert Kaempfert

Processional Music

'I've Got You Under My Skin'
Frank Sinatra

Introduction and Welcome

Ruth Silverstone

A Tribute to Del

Atribute to Dad

read by Colin



Reading
All Is Well

Death is nothing at all,
I have only slipped into the next room.
I am I and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.
Call me by my old familiar name,
Speak to me in the easy way which you always used.
Put no difference in your tone,
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was,
Let it be spoken without effect, without the trace of shadow on it.
Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was, there is unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near,
Just around the corner.
All is well.

Henry Scott Holland

Music for Reflection

'Remember'

Andy Williams

Reading

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?
Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say,
But how many were sorry when he passed away?



The Committal

Closing Words

Farewell Music
'Handle With Care'
The Traveling Wilburys





Del's family thank you for attending the service today.

Your support at this sad time is of great comfort.

You are all warmly invited to join them for light refreshment at
The College Arms, 40 London Road, Hertford Heath, Hertford SG13 7PW.

For those wishing to make a donation in memory of Del,
we have set up an online tribute page.

We have chosen the Alzheimer's Society
as our favoured beneficiary.

Please visit www.austins.co.uk.

Select 'make a donation' and enter Del's name.

Alternatively donations can be sent directly to:

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