

The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

A Service of Thanksgiving
for the Life of

RITA ANN SMITH

12th December 1944 ~ 4th April 2019



Thursday 18th April 2019

3.45pm

Service conducted by Felicity Harvest

Order of Service

Music

The Sun Ain't Gonna Shine Anymore ~ David Essex

Welcome

Felicity Harvest

Touch Me

by Rita Smith

Have you ever felt pain so pure, acute and finely honed,
That it becomes almost exquisite in its intensity.

See Me

Have you ever felt the full terror of the mind and it's imagination.
Caught up in a dark spiral, of unasked questions and unspoken
answers. A silent percussion of fear.

Hear Me

Have you ever felt so rigid, tense and taut that your body might snap.
Like a delicate ice sculpture held together by cool indifference
and cold denial

Touch Me

Touch me and the delicate gossamer like structure will begin to melt.
Washed away by a torrent of tears induced by the warmth
of human compassion

Hold Me

Hymn

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

The Tribute

Felicity Harvest

Reflection

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.

Music

Chi Mai ~ Ennio Morricone

Committal

Closing Words

Recessional Music

Goodbe-ee ~ Peter Cook and Dudley Moore

After the service you are warmly invited to join the family at
Oxted Royal British Legion for refreshments
and to reflect on happy memories of Rita.



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