

Martin Taylor
1952-2020
An appreciation



***The Loyd Lindsay Rooms, Ardington,
Oxon. Sunday 22nd May 2022, 11 am***

Order of ceremony

In line with Martin's wishes, this is a Humanist memorial ceremony. Our celebrant today is Lesley Bottomley, a local accredited Humanist celebrant. Guests are invited to gather from 10.30 am, with the ceremony commencing at 11 and anticipated to last somewhat less than an hour. A Zoom link is available for those unable to attend. The ceremony will be held in the main hall of the Loyd Lindsay Rooms.

Opening music: Joaquín Rodrigo, Concierto de Aranjuez, second movement, London Symphony Orchestra and John Williams, guitar

Welcome and Introduction: Lesley Bottomley, Humanists

UK Thoughts of life and legacy:

John Taylor, brother, read by Diane Scott, daughter-in-law

Sue Taylor, wife, read by Matthew Rushforth, stepson

Alistair Rushforth, stepson

David Taylor, son

Music for reflection: Karl Jenkins arranged Anthony Small, 'Benedictus' from 'The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace', David Childs, euphonium, with brass band accompaniment

Farewell to Martin: celebrant

Closing words and thanks: celebrant

Closing music: Edward Elgar, Variation XIV 'Finale' from 'Enigma Variations', BBC Symphony Orchestra

Poetry used in the ceremony

from *Funeral*, by Rupi Kaur (b.1992)

when I go let it be a celebration
for I have been here
I have lived
I have played well at this game called life

The Measure of a Man, by Grady Poulard (b.1936)

The measure of a man is not determined by his show of outward strength or the volume of his voice or the thunder of his actions or of his intellect or academic abilities

It is seen rather in terms of the love that he has for his family and for everyone, the strength of his commitments, the genuineness of his friendships, the sincerity of his purpose, the quiet courage of his convictions

The fun, laughter, joy and happiness he gives to his family and to others His love of life, his patience and his honesty, and his contentment with what he has.

Happy the Man, by John Dryden (1631-1700)

Happy the man, and happy he alone,
He who can call today his own:
He who, secure within, can say,
Tomorrow do thy worst, for I have lived today.
Be fair or foul or rain or shine
The joys I have possessed, in spite of fate, are mine.
Not Heaven itself upon the past has power,
But what has been, has been, and I have had my hour.

from *Farewell my Friends*, by Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941)

It was beautiful as long as it lasted, the journey of my life.
At every turning of my life I came across good friends,
Friends who stood by me even when time raced me by.
Farewell, farewell my friends. I smile and bid you goodbye.
No, shed no tears, for I need them not. All I need is your smile.
If you feel sad do think of me, for that's what I'll like
When you live in the hearts of those you love
Remember then you never die.

Lunch

At midday, following the ceremony, a buffet lunch is supplied for you in the dining room of the venue. We will open the doors to the patio to allow outside mingling while eating if the weather permits. Tables are available if wanted.

Afternoon band concert

Martin and Sue spent the happiest years of their banding lives with Wantage Concert Brass. At 2.30 pm, at Tugwell Field in nearby Wantage, WCB will present a free concert in Martin's memory. It would be delightful to see you there. A marquee is present in case of inclement weather. The postcode for Tugwell Field is OX12 8FR; directions to it were enclosed in the information document sent out earlier.

Donations are collected for Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis, <https://actionpf.org>. There is a dedicated JustGiving link, which you can find at either <https://rb.gy/thwosu> or <https://www.funeralguide.co.uk/justgiving/donate/84645/70739>. Both links are equivalent; the shorter is supplied for your typing convenience.