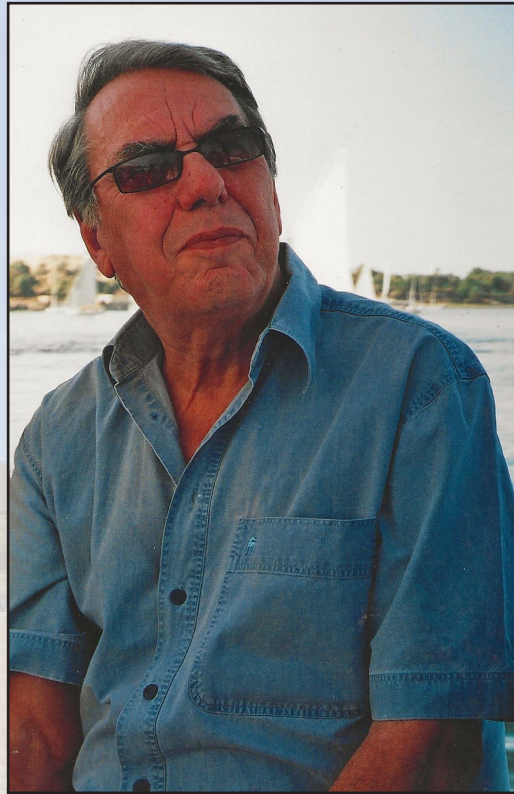


In Loving Memory of



**Richard Walter Lawrence  
Laurie**

28th March 1933 - 31st January 2023

Memorial Chapel, Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

Monday 13th March 2023  
10.15 am



## Entry Music

Max Bruch violin concerto No.1 in G minor Opus 26 III

Finale Allegro energico

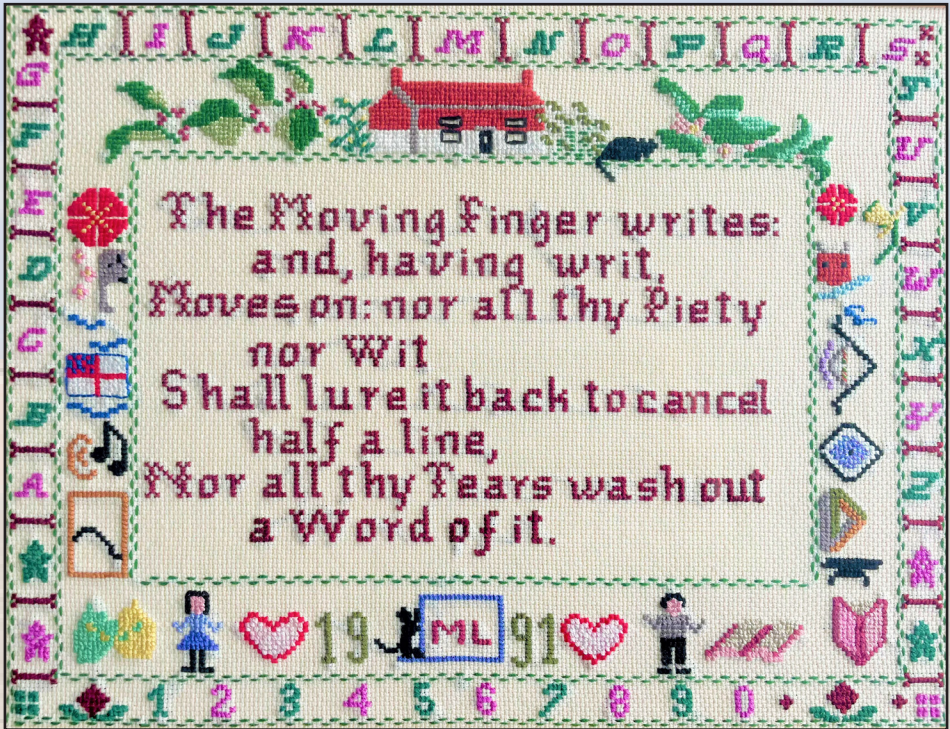
*Violinist Gil Shabam*



Welcome and Introduction  
*By Felicity Harvest, Humanist Celebrant*  
*felicity.harvest@humanistceremonies.org.uk*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Eulogy Celebrating Laurie's Life



*Laurie's father read this to his children after losing their mother in 1943  
Verse 51 of 'The Rubaiyat of Omar Kyan'*



Memories of Laurie/Richard as a Councillor and Friend  
*Chris Rolley, past Town Clerk*

## Death is Nothing at All

I have only slipped away to the next room.

I am I and you are you.

Whatever we were to each other,

That, we still are.

Call me by my old familiar name.

Speak to me in the easy way

which you always used.

Put no difference into 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.

Let my name be ever the household word  
that it always was.

Let it be spoken without effect.

Without the trace of a shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant.

It is the same that it ever was.

There is absolute unbroken continuity.

Why should I be out of mind

because I am out of sight?

I am but waiting for you.

For an interval.

Somewhere. Very near.

Just around the corner.

All is well.

*Canon Henry Scott-Holland*

## Moment of Quiet Contemplation

What a Wonderful World

*Louis Armstrong*

## Remember

Remember me when I am gone away,  
Gone far away into the silent land;  
When you can no more hold me by the hand,  
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.  
Remember me when no more day by day  
You tell me of our future that you planned:  
Only remember me; you understand  
It will be late to counsel then or pray.  
Yet if you should forget me for a while  
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:  
For if the darkness and corruption leave  
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,  
Better by far you should forget and smile  
Than that you should remember and be sad.

*Christina Rossetti*

## The Committal

## Closing Words

Exit Music  
Global Warming  
*Sonny Rollins*



The family would like to thank you all for attending and for the cards, messages and support given by so many of you. Please continue to celebrate his life by joining us at Chequer Mead Theatre, De la Warr Road in East Grinstead RH19 3BS

We would also like to show our appreciation of the wonderful care given by the community nurses of St. Catherine's Hospice. If you so wish, please support the continuing work of <https://www.stcatherines.co.uk>