



A Service of Thanksgiving
for the life of

William Hirst

25 October 1941 – 27 June 2020



Bluebells Cemetery, Halstead, Kent

Monday 20 July 2020

Officiated by Rev. Anne Bourne



The funeral party enter the chapel to
“Bring Him Home” from Les Misérables by Alfie Boe

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The Welcome

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Opening Prayers

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The Bible Reading - Psalm 23

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Hymn – “Jerusalem” by Parry

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England’s mountain green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England’s pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England’s green and pleasant land.

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Eulogy – Given by Rev. Anne Bourne and
prepared with contributions from the family

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Tributes – Suzanne Clapham, Andrew Hirst and Sam Hirst





Song – “Grandpa’s Favourite Things”

written and sung by Lauren, Daniel, Luke and Amy

Anne of Green Gables and Winnie the Pooh
Hairy McClary to name but a few
First edition books, the Lord of the Rings
These are a few of your favourite things

Bread with some butter and lashings of jam
Pork chops and steak and mint sauce with lamb
Seeing your family in Oz every spring
These are a few of your favourite things.

Loving your family to the moon.
Watching Sky Sports from your living room.
Enjoying gatherings and all that they bring.
These are a few of your favourite things.

When we feel down
Cannot stop the frown
And we’re feeling sad
We simply remember your favourite things and then we don’t feel so bad.

Teddy bears picnic and spider tickle man
Lauren, Luke and Amy, Daniel and Sam
Being with your grandchildren listen to them sing
These are a few of your favourite things.

Bridge with your friends, cricket and chess
Swinging the golf club and Leeds are the best
Beautiful Grandma 50 years as your wife
Andy and Sue all the loves of your life.

We are so thankful for all that you gave
Now it is time for us all to be brave.
We know you’re an angel who’s got his wings.
Thank you for being our favourite thing.

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We simply remember your favourite things and then we don’t feel so bad.



We pause to reflect and remember as we listen to
“What a Wonderful World” by Louis Armstrong

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Tribute – Patrick Collins
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Address – Rev. Anne Bourne
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Prayers, concluding with 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.

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Prayer of Commendation
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The Committal
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Blessing
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We leave to “My Way” by Frank Sinatra
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Thank you for your kind messages of sympathy and for joining us here today. We are so very grateful.

Should you wish, we have requested that any donations in Bill's memory be made to Parkinson's UK.

You are very welcome to join Sheila, Suzanne and family afterwards for light refreshments at Darenth, The Chase, Kemsing, TN15 6TP.