

Celebrating a Life Well Lived

John T. Millin

20th May 1931 - 11th June 2024



JOHN IN LLANGOLLEN

Funeral Service
at St. Peter's Church, Mawdesley
on Monday 1st July at 3.00pm

Service conducted by Reverend David Reynolds



John's Aunt Cis (Mary), her husband Uncle Jim Tunstall and John's Mum Ethel Millin.

Cis & Ethel were the oldest and youngest sisters of the Kett family with 13 years between them



John in RAF uniform

Having just missed out on training to be a pilot, John declined a role as navigator and was given an office based position in "Pay Accounts"



John and Barbara on their Wedding
Day 23rd March 1956



Johns Parents Ethel and Alec Millin



John in Llangollen

John 5yrs, 1936



John 6yrs, 1937



John 3yrs, with his
Mother Ethel at the rear
of 23 Hanwell Street,
Liverpool



John 2yrs, holding
his Mother Ethel's
hand, with his paternal
Grandma alongside - a
trip to Southport



*Interlude Music from Raymond Froggatt
Featuring “Million Miles Away”*

Entry Music
“What a wonderful World” by Louis Armstrong

Welcome & Opening Prayers
by David Reynolds

Hymn
All Things Bright and Beautiful

*All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all*

Each little flower that opens
Each little bird that sings
He made their glowing colours
And made their tiny wings

All things bright and beautiful...

The purple headed mountains
The rivers running by
The sunset and the morning
That brighten up the sky

All things bright and beautiful...

He gave us eyes to see them
And lips that we might tell
How great is the Almighty
Who has made all things well

All things bright and beautiful...

Psalm 23

reading by Grandsons Jack & Ben

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Grandad

by Grandson Charlie

You are at peace, your soul at rest, but that won't stop the tears,
As we all remember the special times, we shared over the years.

You taught us oh so many things, and you showed us all the way.
You've helped us overcome hard times, to be the people we are today.

Though we are no longer children, and you are no longer here,
We'll never let go of the memories, we will always hold them dear.

Anon.

Tributes
by daughter Wendy and sons Matthew & Andrew

Reflection
Introduced by David Reynolds as we listen to Brahm's Lullaby

Prayers

Commendation & Farewell

Hymn
Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour, I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come
'Twas grace that brought us safe so far
And grace will lead us on

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

Recessional Music

"You'll Never Walk Alone" by Gerry and the Pacemakers

*John's funeral will conclude with Interment in the Churchyard,
where he joins his wife Barbara,
let no man put asunder.*

John Millin

1931 - 2024

Born within the sound of the “kop roar”, John was proud to have been a true scouser. He grew up in Anfield, staying in the city throughout the blitz with his parents, his Father holding a reserved occupation as a dockworker.

After completing National Service with the RAF, John “got his grade” with the LMS (London, Midland, Scottish) Railway and then moved into National Traffic Management at Crosfield’s where he met George Parr.

When George’s Father passed, George took on his own Father’s Insurance Agency and invited John to join him in this “side hustle”. Together they worked evenings and weekends arranging insurances whilst also continuing full time at Crosfield’s. In due course George & John set up on their own, forming Aughton Agencies Ltd based in Ormskirk. George & John split the firm in the early 60s. John took his half to Tulketh Street in Southport - Aughton Agencies (Southport) Ltd and soon after changed the firm’s name to John Millin (Southport) Ltd.

Relocation over the years saw office moves to Post Office Avenue, Southport; a short spell in Crosby; followed by The Common, Parbold and finally to New Street in Mawdesley.

In the 70s/80s John’s three children Andrew, Wendy and Matthew each separately joined their Father in the family firm, where their combined passion for Equestrianism began to influence the direction of the firm. Andrew and Matthew moved their careers from Insurance in to Equestrianism; whereas Wendy started her career in Equestrianism and then joined her Father in Insurance Broking in 1989. This led to the brokerage becoming firmly established in its Equestrian Niche as “Millins”.

John always strived to do the right thing. Long before regulation arrived in the Insurance Sector, John was passionate about professionalism and simply doing the right thing. Proud to have never sold an Insurance Policy in his life but to have been gratefully remunerated for giving advice. John supported numerous insurance organisations in the North West, voluntarily followed the ABI Code of Practice and was active in organisations that existed prior to industry regulation, such as the AIBB. Keen to promote professionalism, he was twice Chairman of the Southport Local Committee of The Insurance Institute of Liverpool and the also the First Chairman of the Lancashire Region of the British Insurance Brokers Association (BIBA). When the Chartered Insurance Institute launched Corporate Chartered Status, he was probably most proud when the firm achieved same in 2008 - Millins Chartered Insurance Brokers.

"Covernote" (Fred), John, Andrew and "BIBA Broker" (Drumwallought) 1980



John was always passionate about sport and he loved nothing more than being involved and following the family’s competing, a passion that continued as he followed the whole family in their sport. This photo depicts Andrew’s first two Showjumpers that were half-brothers, both sired by John’s Pride



John outside his childhood family home,
23, Hanwell Street, Liverpool
Revisited c2015



The bird years. John supported wife Barbara in her passion for all things Avian. Once Andrew, Matthew & Wendy had fledged, a whole series of birds flocked through their hands and garden. Hens, ducks, canaries, cockatiels, parrots, a barn owl, snowy owls and the infamous Benji the Bengal Eagle Owl. This photo with John and a Golden Eagle was taken on a day trip.



In 2017 John had a leg amputated above the knee and spent three months finding his new way of being at local Stocks Hall Residential Home. During this period the home held a Halloween Fancy Dress Event and John attended in his wheelchair with this parrot as "Long John Silver"



Wendy & Long John Silver



“The Field” 1979, Mawdesley,
(today’s Church Farm Stables)

Matthew & Thames, Barbara, Wendy & Billy Boy, John, Andrew & Roxy



Wendy, Andrew & Matthew with John
arriving at Church Farm for Christmas
Dinner, 2017



John’s 90th Birthday Party, 20th May 2021
Matthew, John, Ben, Andrew, Amanda, Daniel, Jack, Charlie, Haidee &
Wendy

John really enjoyed family celebrations with his “Motley Crew”



*John and Barbara, at a family friend's wedding
The Palm House, Sefton Park (3rd November 2007)*

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone for their attendance today, for all the kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards and support they have received at this difficult time.

Following the service, you are warmly invited to join the family for refreshments and to share memories of John at:

The Conservatory
The Red Lion
68 New Street
Mawdesley
Ormskirk
L40 2QP

Donations in John's memory are welcome and will benefit HAPPA and Turbary Woods Owl Sanctuary via <https://johnmillin.muchloved.com/> or c/o the Funeral Director.



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