

SERVICE IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

John Daniel Lawler



5th August 1944 - 15th January 2025 - Aged 80 years

PRESTON CREMATORIUM CHAPEL

Tuesday 25th February 2025
at 10.30am

Celebrant – Jimmy O'Donnell



PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

'Heart Of Oak' (British Naval Hymn)

composed by William Boyce

Honley Male Voice Choir with the Band of HM Royal Marines

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WORDS OF WELCOME

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POEM

'Pardon Me for Not Getting Up'

by Henry Scott Holland

Oh dear, if you're reading this right now,

I must have given up the ghost.

I hope you can forgive me for being

such a stiff unwelcoming host.

Just talk amongst yourselves my friends,

And share a toast or two

For I am sure you will remember well

How I loved to drink with you.

Don't worry about mourning me,

I was never easy to offend.

Feel free to share a story at my expense

And we'll have a good laugh at the end.

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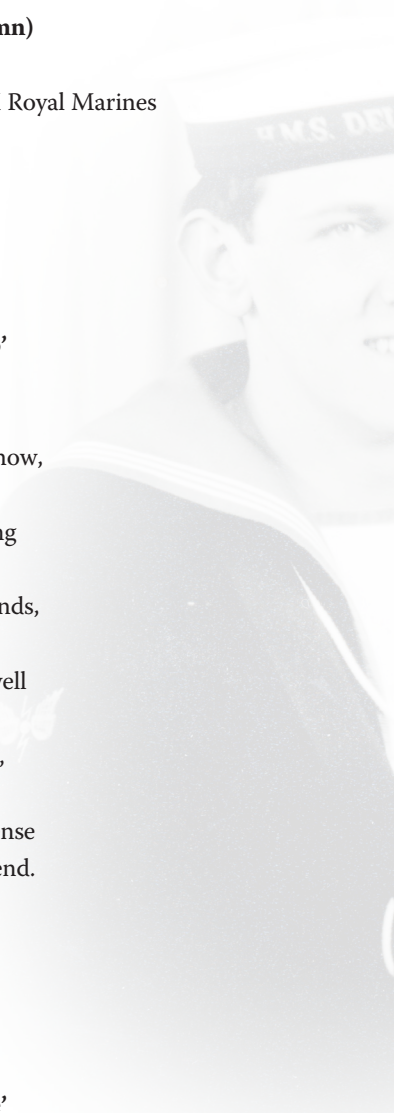
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REFLECTION MUSIC

'Eternal Father, Strong To Save'

by The Band of HM Royal Marines





REFLECTION

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POEM

'Afterglow'

by Helen Lowrie Marshall

read by Sue

I'd like the memory of me, to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow, of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave,
When life is done.

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WORDS OF COMMITTAL AND FAREWELL

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RECESSIONAL MUSIC WITH VISUAL TRIBUTE

'Sailing'

by Rod Stewart

A selection of John's jokes....

How does a farmer count his cows?

With a cowculator.

Doctor, doctor, I think I'm a pair of curtains!

We'll pull yourself together!

What is the fastest cake in the world?

S.....cone!

Doctor, doctor I think I'm invisible?

Who said that?!

What is red and goes up and down?

A tomato in a lift.

Please join the family after the service, in continuing to share precious memories of John, alongside refreshments, at The Black Bull, 119 Liverpool Road, Longton, Preston PR4 5AA



If desired, donations will be gratefully received in memory of John, to the vital charitable work of 'Macmillan Cancer Support' and can be sent c/o:



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