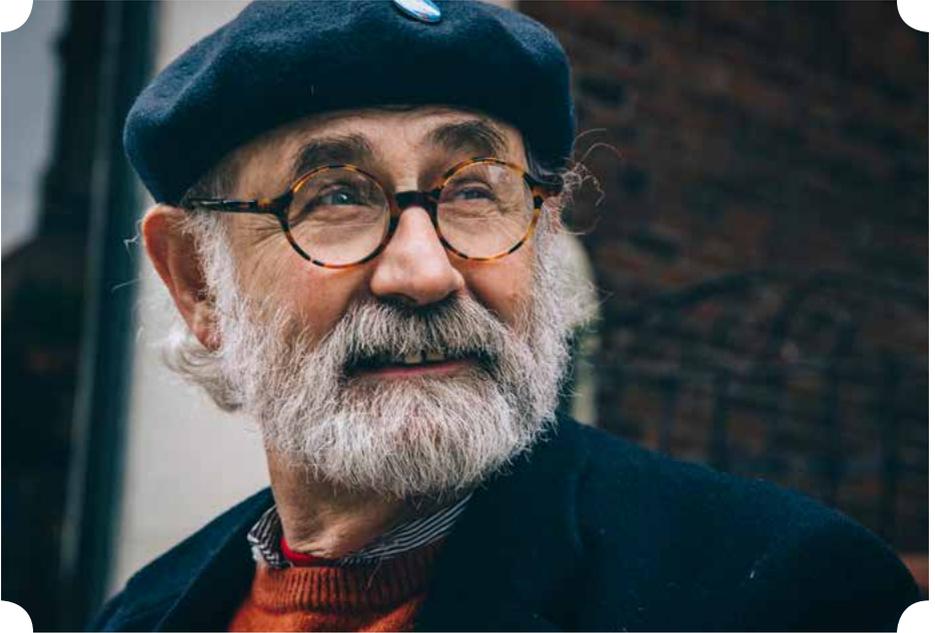


A Celebration and Thanksgiving for the life of



Alan Ackerman

30th December 1956 - 22nd March 2013



CHICHESTER CREMATORIUM

Monday 8th April 2013, 3:30pm

Service Conducted by Reverend John Smith



ENTRY MUSIC
'Avalon' – Roxy Music

WELCOME & OPENING WORDS

HYMN

Morning has broken,
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird;
Praise for the singing,
Praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing
Fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall,
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass;
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light
Eden saw play;
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day.

MEMORIES OF ALAN
given by Reverend John Smith

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE FOR ALAN'S LIFE

In the busy-ness of our day,
we sometimes forget to stop and give thanks
for all that is good in our lives.

Our blessings are many
and our hearts are filled with gratitude
for the gift of living,
for the ability to love and be loved,
and for the opportunity to see
the everyday wonders of creation.

In the silence of our souls, we are grateful for **ALAN**
and for the privilege of walking the paths of life with him.

Amen

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

'Your Song' – Elton John

PRAYERS including THE 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.

COMMITTAL

CLOSING WORDS

POEM

If tears could build a stairway,
and memories a lane,
I would walk right up to Heaven
and bring you back again.

No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say "Goodbye".
You were gone before I knew it,
and only God knows why.

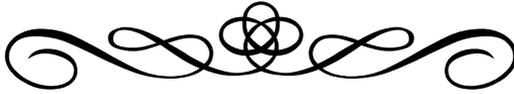
My heart still aches with sadness,
and secret tears still flow.
What it meant to lose you -
No one can ever know.

But now I know you want me
to mourn for you no more;
To remember all the happy times;
life still has much in store.

Since you'll never be forgotten,
I pledge to you today
A hallowed place within my heart
is where you'll always stay.

EXIT MUSIC

'The Cover of the Rolling Stone' – Dr Hook



**The family warmly invite you to join them for refreshments
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