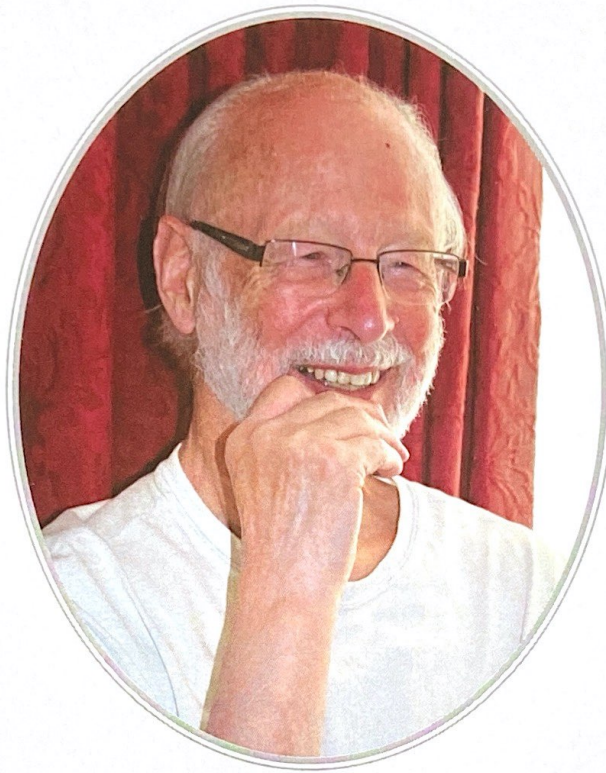


A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of



‘Tom’  
THOMAS OSMOND PIERCY

25th August 1935 – 2nd August 2020

Service conducted by  
Jane Humphries, Funeral Celebrant

Edgar Newman Chapel  
Kettering Crematorium

Monday, 17th August 2020  
at 1.00pm



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## **ORDER OF SERVICE**



### **PROCESSIONAL MUSIC**

'Sibezwa Bekhuluma'  
Ladysmith Black Mambazo

### **WORDS OF WELCOME**

#### **POEM**

'He is Gone'  
David Harkins

You can shed tears that he is gone,  
Or you can smile because he has lived  
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back,  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday  
You can remember him and only that he is gone  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on  
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what he would want:  
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

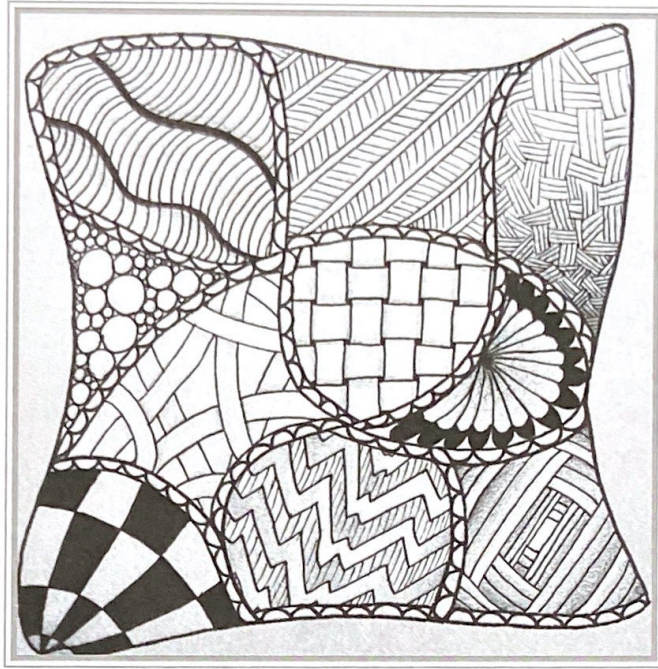
### **'A CELEBRATION OF TOM'S LIFE'**

### **MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

'Long-a-growing'  
Steeleye Span

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### **POEM**

'Late Fragment'

By Raymond Carver

'And did you get what  
You wanted from this life, even so?

I did

And what did you want?  
To call myself beloved, to feel myself  
Beloved on this earth'

### **FAREWELL**

Beethoven Quartet 13 'Cavatina'

### **CLOSING WORDS**

### **RECESSIONAL MUSIC**

'Wish Me Luck as You Wave Me Goodbye'

Gracie Fields





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