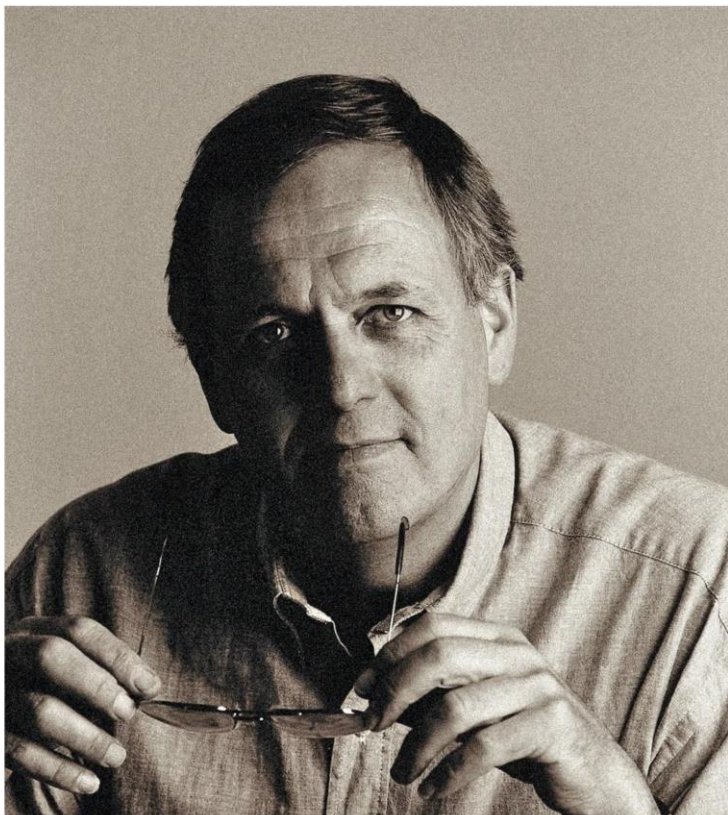


In Loving Memory and Celebrating the
Life of

Leonardus Johannes
de Vroomen



‘Leo’

16th June 1941 ~ 23rd March 2025

Richmond Cemetery Chapel
Wednesday 23rd April at 12.30pm

Gathering Music

Albinoni's Adagio for strings and organ

Entrance Music

Fauré's Requiem 'In Paradisum'



Welcome

by Celebrant, Nick Underwood

Poem

What Will Matter

by Michael Josephson

Read by Karl de Vroomen

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end.

So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought but what you built,
not what you got but what you gave.

What will matter is not your success but your significance.

What will matter is not what you learned
but what you taught.

What will matter is every act of integrity,
compassion, courage, or sacrifice

that enriched, empowered or encouraged others.

What will matter is not your competence but your character.

What will matter is not how many people you knew
but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.

What will matter is not your memories
but the memories that live in those who loved you.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.

It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.

Choose to live a life that matters.

Tribute
by Ginnie de Vroomen





Leo's Life
by Celebrant

Bridge over troubled water
by Simon & Garfunkel
Performed by Nik Barrell

Tribute
by Robert Salter

Reflection
Allegri's Miserere

Closing Words

Music for The Close of Ceremony
Mozart's Soave sia il vento
Cosi fan tutte

Secular Blessing

Do not be bitter about your loss,
Neither be made hopeless by frustration,
Nor fearful of the future,
Nor withdrawn and lonely in your grief.
May you be heedful of each other's sadness
Learn to reach out with fresh hope
And use the love you felt for Leo
To soothe your pain and heal your sorrow.
With the strength and love of each other's presence,
As we lay his body into its final resting place
Leave Leo now to a lasting peace

Reading for The Interment

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.

The family warmly invite you to join them, after the service,
for refreshments and to share more memories of Leo at
Pembroke Lodge, Richmond Park, Richmond TW10 5HX



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