

A Service to Celebrate  
the Life of  
**Melanie Careless**

18th June 1948 ~ 20th April 2025



Littlehampton Cemetery Chapel  
Wednesday 21st May 2025  
11:00am

Service conducted by Jane Blackman

# Order of Service

## **Entry Music**

Windmills of your Mind, Noel Harrison

## **Welcome and Opening Words**

## **Remember Me**

Christina Rossetti

Remember me when I am gone away,  
Gone far away into the silent land;  
When you can no more hold me by the hand,  
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.  
Remember me when no more day by day  
You tell me of our future that you plann'd:  
Only remember me; you understand  
It will be late to counsel then or pray.  
Yet if you should forget me for a while  
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:  
For if the darkness and corruption leave  
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,  
Better by far you should forget and smile  
Than that you should remember and be sad.

## **Remembering Melanie**

Thoughts on her life

## **Family Tributes**

from son, Max and daughter, Sophie

## **Memories to Music**

Forever and Ever, Demis Roussos

## **Listen**

by Char March, read by nephew, Andrew

Listen. There is this silence now. This stillness.  
Gradually we will get used to it. But, for now,  
It is strange.

You have left such a gap.

Our world is in shock, holding its breath.

But listen closer – all your laughter, all your love  
Is still ringing out. Still holding us. All our memories of you are still with us.  
All the love we shared is still in every one of us.

And although we ache from the loss of you,  
You will always be here – as still and steady,  
And fierce, as any star. Look. You are shining  
Bright through all our skies.

Thank you

For being here with us.

## **Messages and Words of Thanks**

### **Closing Music**

Never on a Sunday (in greek)  
Mélina Mercouri

**Melanie will now be taken to her final resting place  
accompanied by her close family.**

## **Words of Farewell and Blessing**

### **Closing Words**



Donations in memory of Melanie  
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