

A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF

# JEAN MABEL FOSTEKEW

7th February 1931 - 29th October 2024



South Chapel, Reading Crematorium  
Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 11.30 am



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## ENTRANCE MUSIC

Nimrod  
by Elgar

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

by Celebrant, Alison Scott

POEM  
She Is Gone  
by David Harkins  
read by Alison Rogers

You can shed tears that she is gone,  
Or you can smile because she has lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back,  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her,  
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 her and only that she is gone,  
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.  
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back.  
Or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.



TRIBUTE TO JEAN

from Ken

read by the Celebrant

EULOGY

read by Ray Clark

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Ain't No Sunshine

by Bill Withers

POEM

Dust If You Must by Rose Milligan

read by Thomas Clark

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better  
To paint a picture, or write a letter,  
Bake a cake, or plant a seed;  
Ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time,  
With rivers to swim, and mountains to climb;  
Music to hear, and books to read;  
Friends to cherish, and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there  
With the sun in your eyes, and the wind in your hair;  
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,  
This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,  
Old age will come and it's not kind.  
And when you go (and go you must)  
You, yourself, will make more dust.



**THE COMMITTAL**

**CLOSING WORDS AND THANKS**  
from the Celebrant

**EXIT MUSIC**  
At The Hop  
by Danny and The Juniors

Thank you to all family and friends for your kind words of comfort and support following the sad loss of Jean, and for attending today's service to celebrate her life.

You are warmly invited to join the family at  
The Crown, Playhatch, Reading RG4 9QN,  
to continue to share your memories of Jean.

If you would like to make a donation  
in Jean's memory, please donate to the  
**The Air Ambulance Service.**

Thank you.

[www.theairambulanceservice.org.uk](http://www.theairambulanceservice.org.uk)