

Service Of Thanksgiving To
Celebrate The Life Of



Brian John Cooley

— 25TH SEPTEMBER 1938 – 20TH JANUARY 2025 —

The Burbage Millennium Hall
Tuesday 18th February 2025 at 12:30pm

Order Of Service

Processional

Hello Again by Neil Diamond

Welcome

Words of Reflection

Poem and Words

‘A Measure of a Man’ by Grady Pollard and words about Grandpa,
from Althea and Isabel

The measure of a man is not determined
By his show of outward strength
Or the volume of his voice
Or the thunder of his actions

It is seen rather in terms of the love that he has
For his family and for everyone
The strength of his commitments
The genuineness of his friendships
The sincerity of his purpose
The quiet courage of his convictions
The fun, laughter, joy and happiness
He gives to his family and to others

His love of life
His patience and his honesty
And his contentment with what he has

Visual Tribute with Music
'Put Me Together Again' by Hot Chocolate:

Dad
by Tim

Poem

'The Gardener's Legacy' by Michael Sullivan
Read by Mathew

From tender shoots to towering trees,
This gardener's touch did grace.
With hands that toiled, a soul at ease,
They cultivated life's embrace.

In every petal's vibrant hue,
Their passion would shine through,
A symphony of colours grew,
Their legacy forever anew.

Their spade, a wand, their plots, a stage,
They danced with earth and sky.
With every chore and tender sage,
They taught us how to fly.

Though their presence may be gone,
Their spirit forever remains,
As we find solace in the dawn,
And the fragrance after the rains.

My Brother
Read by Michael

Poem and Words

‘Grandad’ written and read by Anya,
with words about Grandad by Morgan

Grandad,

You were firm but kind,
And had such a wise mind.

You took on the role of grandad the second we both arrived,
We cannot thank you enough as without you we wouldn’t have thrived.

You’ll always be the only person we know,
that takes a map, a compass and giant backpack,
Just to go to a London show.

But we loved your routines and your well-spoken tone
It’s something we’ll always remember,
These years with you have just flown.

You told us when we messed up,
But more so when you were proud.
We also loved how you informed us when we were being “too loud”.

Thank you isn’t enough for the life you have given us all,
We just hope you’re up there having an absolute ball.

We’ll cherish every moment we spent with you,
And we’re sure everyone in this room will too.

You were a grandad, a father figure but also a friend,
We will remember you grandad Brian until the very end.

Closing Words

Recessional

Goodbye by Lionel Ritchie

*The family will now proceed to Burbage cemetery to lay Brian to rest.
They look forward to joining you at the Bricklayers afterwards.*





*The family thank you for being here today and warmly welcome you to
join them for refreshments at The Bricklayers
(23 Leicester Road, Sarnford, LE10 3PP) to further share
your own memories of Brian.*

Donations are being raised in memory of Brian,
which can be made online by scanning this QR code
or at www.gseller.co.uk/obituaries. All donations will
be forwarded to Coventry & North Warwickshire
Prostate Cancer Support Group.



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