

*A Celebration for the Life of*



## **Ian Lawrence Cole**

10th September 1945 - 5th January 2026

*Tuesday 10th February 2026 at 11.00am*

*St Peter's and the English Martyrs*

*followed by a burial at Gornal Wood Cemetery*

*Service Conducted by Father Paul Edwards*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Music on Entry

*My Way - Frank Sinatra*

### Welcome and Opening Prayer

### Hymn

*The Lord's My Shepard*

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
he maketh me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
Even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou has furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

**Gospel of John 14:**

*Do not be afraid*

**Eulogy**

*Read by David Knowlton*

**Poem**

*Let me Go*

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not for long  
And not with your head bowed low  
Remember the love that once we shared  
Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the master plan  
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at all the things we used to do  
Miss me, but let me go.

**Prayer for Ian**

## Hymn

### *How Great Thou art*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

## **Blessing and Commendation**

followed by a burial at Gornal Wood Cemetary

## **Music on Exit**

Save the last dance - *The Drifters*



*Back row, left to right - Rod Evans, Harry Hill, Bob Sidaway, Steve Parry, Derek Walker, Don Smith, George Jackson, John Hulston. Front row, left to right - Bernie Edwards, Keith Moreton, Alan Moore, Tony Plant, Terry Taylor, Brian Taylor, Ian Cole.*



**Gibbons bowled a whole team for a duck**







*The family wish to thank you all for your kind messages  
of sympathy at this time.*

*After the service you are all welcome for refreshments  
and to celebrate Ian's life at:*

*The Royal British Legion.  
19 Ruiton Street, Dudley DY3 2EH*

*All donations to Compton Hospice.  
C/o Co-Op Funeral Services 82 Salop Street, DY1 3AZ*