

**INVERNESS CREMATORIUM**

*Humanist: Mr Alan Smurthwaite*  
*Date of Service: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2026*

**A CEREMONY IN LOVING  
MEMORY OF**



**TERENCE MICHAEL PARKES**  
**‘TERRY’**

**(Passed away on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2026 aged 82 years)**

# **"Do not stand at my grave and weep"**

**by Clare Harner**

Do not stand at my grave and weep

I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush

I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry;

I am not there. I did not die.

## **Order of Service**

Opening music

Tears in Heaven by Eric Clapton

Introduction

Tribute from Lorraine

Music

Your Song by Elton John

Photographic memories accompanied by  
Angels by Robbie Williams

Tribute from Sharon and Ian

Closing speech

Music

Waterloo by Abba

## **Tribute from Karen**

Thank you, Terry.

For being such a great friend for so many years.

For all the laughter and fun.

For being a much loved godfather to Katherine and Adam, and for being such an important part of their growing up.

For mixing a lovely gin and tonic.

For loving my best friend, Lorraine

For trying to make me feel more confident in myself

For being a great boss. I'll always remember the teacakes and hot chocolate and I'll try to forget your messy desk.

For being so supportive at a difficult time in my life and for always being ready to help

For the cuddly lion you bought me at Marwell Zoo

For giving good advice, even if I did not always want to listen

For all those reasons, and many more, you will always be loved, missed and remembered. See you later. Karen.

P.S. Poppy, Lulu, Bee and Pumpkin say thank you for all the pieces of carrot you gave them.

## **Tribute from Yonnie and Callum**

There are some people who come into your life and leave a mark that can never really be put into words. Terry was one of those people.

He was family. He gave me a place to belong, was always there for me, and cared so deeply about the people in his life.

He always told me how beautiful I was and that I deserved the very best. Of course, I'd deny it, and he'd stubbornly double down and call me silly. He had a way of making me feel loved, even in the simplest moments.

I'm not a hugger, but Terry never gave me much choice. The second he sensed something was wrong, I was getting the biggest, warmest Terry hug whether I wanted one or not. Those hugs meant more than he ever knew.

I treasure the little memories most, our trips to the post office and shops when he could still drive... just blethering away about anything and everything. When he became ill, bringing him his tea and Mint Clubs became my main mission, because nothing put a smile on his face quite like a cuppa and mint chocolate.

And of course, Terry was a cheeky, witty sod. Even in his last few months, he still had that spark that could make us all laugh.

I'm going to miss him more than I can put into words.

Thank you for always being you. Thank you for loving me, loving Callum, and most importantly, for the love you gave Lorraine. Thank you for believing I deserved the best, for the laughs, the hugs, and all the memories.

You were loved, you are missed, and you always will be.

## **“Final instructions”**

**by Arnold Crompton**

When I'm gone, don't mourn too long,

I'd hate to see you blue,

Just have a drink and share a laugh,

That's what I'd want for you.

Tell stories of my finest days,

The silly things I'd do,

Remember how I made you smile,

And I'll be smiling too.



As you all know Terry had a great love for his animals and, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to support charities that were close to his heart.

Wags & Whiskers  
In Poole, Dorset  
(this is where George came from)

Wood Green  
Animal Rescue  
(this is where Tilly came from)

Donations can made be via :

Alasdair Rhind Funeral Directors  
Sutherland House, Bank Street, Tain  
Or by BACS to RBS, sort code 83-27-35,  
A/C No. 00254580,  
ref. T/L Terry

You are now all invited to join us for Terry's favourite meal, fish & chips, at :

Ceann Turais  
Pitmaduthy  
Invergordon  
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