

The Celebration of Cindy's Life

Dear friends and family

Cindy knew only too well about her health problems. Her all too frequent visits to doctor's, hospitals and daily rounds of medication were met with determination, courage and immense willpower. She had thankfully cheated the grim reaper on several occasions in the past. She and I had talked openly about our respective wishes come this day of reckoning.

She was not a particularly religious person and having attended a friend's humanist funeral a few years ago felt that such a service was something she would want for herself. In keeping with her wishes it will be a Humanist service. The service will take place at The Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham on Friday, 6th August at 1.45 p.m. The family request it be family flowers and if friends wish to make a donation, the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home was a charity dear to her.

We all knew Cindy as a larger than life personality with a great love of theatre. In fact living with her; I was never sure whether it was theatre or life I was dealing with! In keeping with that cherished memory, the coffin will remain on view at the close of service, with Cindy centre stage as always! The kids and I would love you to place a memento on the coffin as you say your last farewells – a flower, photo, poem, sheet of music, a speech from a play – something that she would remember you by to help her on her journey.

She did not want funereal black at her service, so please add a splash of colour. It goes without saying that she also wanted us all to have a party afterwards. You know, as friends and family, she didn't need much of an excuse to have a party although this time was not part of her plans. She was found with a wine glass nearby; empty of course, which seems entirely appropriate. You are all most welcome to join myself and all our kids and grandchildren at the house.

The kids and I have chosen the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home charity for those wishing to give a donation. It is a very worthy cause which many of you will be familiar with; it is particularly close to Cindy and me as we knew Iain and his family. We will have some form of collection point at the house, alternatively, the charity details are below.

David

The Chilterns Crematorium - <http://www.chilternscrematorium.co.uk/site/index.php>

The Iain Rennie Hospice at Home - <http://www.irhh.org/sitehome/index.html>