

Service of Thanksgiving to Celebrate  
the Life of

# SIMON JOHNSON

6<sup>th</sup> May 1957 – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Aged 66 years



Pleasington Crematorium  
Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm



# ORDER OF SERVICE

Service led by Rev Fleur Green

## Entrance Music

*"Sweet Home Alabama", Lynyrd Skynyrd*

## Welcome & Introduction

## Tributes to Simon



# Reading

*Isaiah 40:28-31*

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

## Homily

### Music for Reflection

*"Rock and Roll Slave", Stephen Bishop*





## Prayers

*Concluding with:*

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen

# High Flight

*By John Gillespie Magee Jr*

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
of sun-split clouds, – and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of – wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air ....

Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark nor ever eagle flew –  
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.





## Committal & Blessing

### Exit Music

*"End of The Line", Travelling Wilbury's*



The Family would like to thank everyone for being with them today and for all the love and support shown to them at this time.



Following the service, you are all welcome to join them for refreshments and to share fond memories of Simon at:

**Mellor Brook Community Centre**, Whalley Road, Blackburn, BB2 7PR

Parking available along the old A59 which is a no through road.

Donations, if desired, in memory of Simon may be made for the benefit of:

**Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis**

c/o The Alty Funeral Service

Broomfield Place, Witton, Blackburn, BB2 1XF

Or online: <https://www.actionpf.org/form/one-off-donation>