

*Burial Liturgy  
For*



# *John Towers*

*22nd June 1930 - 9th March 2021*



SS Mary & Michael's RC Church  
Monday 29th March 2021 - 11.30am



## ORDER OF SERVICE



## ***Blessing***

*May he support us all the day long  
Till the shades lengthen and the evening comes  
And the busy world is hushed  
And the fever of life is over and our work is done;  
Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging and a holy rest and  
peace at the last.*

*Cardinal Newman*

*Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us*

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything,  
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your  
request to God.*

**PHILLIPPIANS 4:6**

## *DAD*

Dad made us all feel safe, secure and loved. Together with Mum he gave myself and then the grandchildren in their turn, a wonderful happy childhood. He loved and cared for Mum devotedly and selflessly, especially towards the end of her life. Having met at Garstang Picture House, their romance blossomed into 68 years of happy marriage.

In his early days, Dad was a keen Sea Cadet and would have loved to join the Navy. This was not to be, and he dutifully took compassionate discharge from his National Service to keep the family hairdressing business going in the light of his father's poor health. The longstanding John Towers and Son Hairdressers was at the heart of Garstang, and Garstang was very much in Dad's heart. The business was latterly in Market Place, where he had grown up along with his brother, Peter. He devoted his working life to the shop, making many friends, and cheering customers with his positive outlook and sense of humour.

Dad was a founder member of Garstang Catenian circle in 1965 which provided family social events and support whilst I was growing up. He was President of the circle in 1979/1980 and the Catenians continued to play a big part in his life until the end. He was also a Life Member of Lancaster Golf Club, which I notice he joined just before I was born!

Dad lived for his family. He was extremely supportive and generous to his grandchildren, Hannah, Tom and Andrew.

He was so very proud of them and along with Mum, wanted to know everything they were up to. Being a home-loving, old-fashioned Garstonian, Dad was amazed at their adventures, technological expertise and quick wit. It kept him young!

I am comforted by knowing that Dad had a lifelong faith. He served on the altar during blackouts in the War whilst attending SS Mary and Michael Primary School, and in later life as a Special Minister taking Holy Communion to the sick. Together with Mum he visited Lourdes on 5 pilgrimages and thoroughly enjoyed both the spiritual side and Fr David's wine and olive bar!

I will use a blessing given recently to me by a kind lady:

Dad, may Jesus, Mary and St. Joseph wrap their Holy Cloaks around you and Mum, and keep you safe forever.

Thank you, Dad, for everything you have done for all of us.



*REUNITED*

*"For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

*John 3:16*

We would like to thank you for coming to join with us today, and for all the kind wishes of condolence received. We ask you to continue to remember John & Alice in your prayers.

The family would like to thank Fr Geoffrey Steel for his kindness and prayers, and William Houghton Funerals for their attentive help and dignified funeral arrangements. Also Bowland Care who brought such comfort to Dad by their dedicated care and cheerfulness.

Donations in memory of John, if desired, to  
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