

St. Mary's Church
Bampton



A Service of Celebration
and Thanksgiving for the Life of

“Sparky”

Brian Shurey

27th December 1944 – 21st September 2017

Thursday 5th October 2017 at 1.00pm

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."
John 11: 25

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell,
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

Remembering Brian - A Family Tribute

Reading

from St John's Gospel, chapter 14

Address

Canon Roger Humphreys

Prayers and 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.

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing;
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour,
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes;
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space;
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Prayer of Commendation

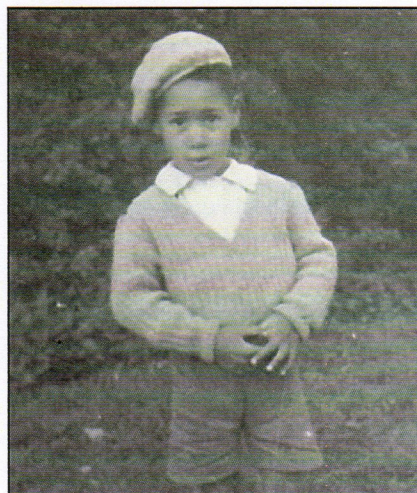
The Blessing

The service will be followed by a burial in Bampton Cemetery.



Donations in memory of Brian are for
Duxford Old River Appeal, Chimney Meadows.
(Please make cheques payable to BBOWT).
These may be left in the donation box or sent c/o
Peter Smith & Son - Funeral Directors Ltd.,
135 Burwell Drive, Witney, Oxfordshire OX28 5LP

Everyone is warmly invited to join the family at
The Talbot Inn following the service.



My memories of big brother Brian were that he was an independent individual, who was a bit of a trend setter of the time. He made his mark in being the Teddy Boy of Bampton, and in the exciting time of the 60s he was instrumental in exploring other territories, making his mark, such as in Carterton, Witney, Swindon and Cheltenham and even Bristol. This was initially on his motor bike and then in his various cars one being a green Countryman which I learnt to drive in. His sister Sylvia was often given the task of ironing his clothes helping him to maintain his image before going on his adventures.

His early childhood was spent with local children playing cowboys and Indians making bows and arrows out of willow branches in the Back Field where there was a pond. So maybe this is where his love of the country side started. Although life was tough there was a lot of fun and Brian soon was being part of the gang. Brian did not escape his mum's flair for dressing the children in fancy dress to attend the local British Legion Christmas Parties and Bampton Carnival. A particular one to note was Brian as a Chimney Sweep!!

He was keen to show his strength and determination and aged 11 started to work after school on a farm in Weald. This is where he met Don Rouse who was just beginning to start the Bampton Weight Lifting Club which Brian joined and done very well. There is a photograph of Brian taking part in the procession at the local Carnival doing weight lifting on a farm trailer. He also joined the Army Cadets as a teenager. On certain occasions, a lorry from the Army Camp would take us into Witney to the Shooting Range. The highlight of the evening was each of us putting sixpence into a kitty with the winner of the shooting having the prize of 'a piece of fish and sixpenny worth of chips.' Of course, Brian was the inevitable winner but because I had no money he always worked it that I did not go without. This was probably where his skills of shooting started, and this developed into a love for shooting and fishing.

Brian was well known around the local pubs and often had to be in charge of getting people home after a merry evening tasting the local beers and ciders. I have vague memories of being one of these on my stag do. Having spent the night playing drinking games I can remember Brian putting me into the back of his van and carrying me non to delicately up the stairs to bed with our Mum telling him to go careful

There was a kind and caring side to Brian who was extremely protective of his family and over the years has taken care of the younger ones particularly when our parents died and also later on nephew and nieces. Anyone knowing that Sparky was your brother done well not to mess around with you.

Brain enjoyed living at Bushy Row where his passion was gardening, fishing and following the local hunt with his dog always by his side. He was a man of the countryside learning his skills from experience rather than fancy books and he passed his knowledge to anyone who was interested. His door was always open for friends and family and in the later months it was these people who took care of him and who I would like to say Thank you to.

God Bless you Brian, you'll always be remembered.

Henry Barber

SHUREY

OCT 4th
2017

Brian "Sparkey"

*Peacefully at the John Radcliffe
Hospital on 21st September 2017, aged
72 years. Greatly missed but never
forgotten by all his family and friends.*

*Funeral service to take place at St
Mary's Church, Bampton on Thursday
5th October at 1pm. Followed by
burial. Family flowers only please.*

*Donations if desired for Duxford Old
River Appeal, Chimney Meadows
(cheques payable BBOWT) may be
sent c/o Peter Smith & Son Funeral
Directors Ltd, 135 Burwell Drive,
Witney, Oxon, OX28 5LP.*

Tel: 01993 702000