



Full Ceremony - SCATTERING of CREMAINS at Moth Memorials
(Without participation of an ordained minister)

CONFIDENTIAL TO THE MOTH: NOT FOR PUBLICATION

******* *Cremains to be placed before the Memorial and prior to service commencement.*

- *Relatives and visitors will be seated If seating available. - (relatives to be located closest to the head of the service).*
- *Moths gather at appropriate point, determined by the **Sgt-Major** or Ceremony elected Moth Representative: “**Moths, Stand Easy**”*

Deputy Old Bill or Ceremony elected Moth member:

Be it known to all present that Moth (Name and Surname), of (Name of Shellhole), has answered the sunset call, and has gone to meet higher command.

Old Bill or Ceremony elected Moth member:

“And (Moth’s Name) said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, “Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the Unknown”, and he replied:

“Go out into the darkness and place your hand in the hand of God. That, for you, is safer than a light, and better than the known way”. So (Moth’s Name) went forth and, finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night, and God lead (Moth’s Name) toward the hills and the breaking of a new day.”

BRIEF PAUSE

Old Bill or Ceremony elected Moth member:

“ We will read Psalm 23”:- (King James version)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Let Us Pray:-

“Almighty God, our merciful Father who gives all comfort: Deal graciously, we pray you, with those who mourn; that placing their every care upon you, may know the consolation of your love.

We pray, O Lord, that the soul of our departed brother Moth, through the mercy of God, may rest in peace. Amen.”

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Old Bill or Ceremony elected Moth member:

Brother Moths; We have been called together to bid farewell and to pay our respects to a departed comrade, who is attending his last parade. He will no longer be called to take the MOTH Salute to others who have passed before him, for where he has gone, they waited to welcome him.

We offer our deepest sympathy to *(Moths Name)* family and friends for their great loss. Let them be assured that they do not grieve alone and take comfort in the hope that, from this sorrow, can grow a thankfulness for the many happy memories of *(Moths Name)* that will always be recalled and remembered. We as Moth are honoured to have had him within our ranks. He will always remain our brother in arms.

SGt Major or Elected Moth member:

- “Moth, Attention!”
- “Moth, Salute!”

----- LAST POST (*or decent pause, where no music is at hand*) -----

Old Bill or Ceremony elected Moth member:

“In True Comradeship, Sound Memory and in Proud Thanksgiving, we remember our departed comrade *(Moths Name)*.

He shall not grow old, as we, that are left, grow old.

Age shall not weary him, nor the years, condemn.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,

We Will Remember Him.”

SGt Major or Elected Moth member:

- “Drop Salute!”

----- REVEILLE (*or decent pause, where no music is at hand*) -----

SGt Major or Elected Moth member:

- “Moth, Stand at Ease.”



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Old Bill or elected Moth member calls on the family (and friends) to join him with the Scattering of Cremains, starting with the closest relative (wife, oldest child, etc.)

The Old Bill or elected Moth member will stand aside to allow the rest of the gathering to scatter the Cremains.

****In progress of or when complete, and while the family are still gathered at the Front, the Old Bill or elected Moth member recites:-*

“We commit the Cremains of our dear brother (Moths Full name) to the Elements; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; and we commend (Moths First name) to the just and merciful judgement of He who has perfect understanding.....Amen”

Old Bill or Ceremony elected Moth member: “ALL”

Let us say the Lords’ Prayer together:-

*“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.
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”*

“The grace our our Lord, and the fellowship of our Holy Spirit, be with us all, for ever”

SGt Major or Elected Moth member:

- “Moth, Attention!”*
- “Moth to harmony, Dismiss!”*