

A Celebration of the Life of

Tony



Anthony Grahame Heffernan

15th September 1967 - 7th December 2023

Funeral Service and Committal at Anfield Crematorium
Friday 12th January 2024



Order of Service

Entrance Music

Nothing Compares 2 U - Sinéad O'Connor

Opening Words

Jane Grimes - Civil Celebrant

Eulogy

Including Tributes from Dan, Kelly and Denise

Moment of Reflection

You'll Never Walk Alone - The Fans

Hasta Luego

(Un mas cereza por favor... grande? Si!)

Closing Words

Recessional Music

One Step Beyond - Madness

Tony's Wife Denise

Since losing my Tony it has been so hard to describe how I feel. Lost, heartbroken, shocked and angry to name a few of my emotions. Tony was the love of my life for 40 years altogether, happily married for 31 of those years. Our greatest achievements in our 40 years together has to be our daughter Kelly and our son Daniel. I feel so robbed of the time we could've had left together although we have had many happy holidays, memories, fun times and heartbreak. We survived everything that came our way, we were one soul split into two. We never argued, always laughing and joking. He was always looking after me, never let me do anything on my own. He worked so hard to provide for me and our family all these years, there will never be anyone else like you, Tony. Love you always and forever.



Tony's Daughter Kelly

I'm so lucky you are my dad and I was a part of a family that greeted each other with a big hug and always said 'bye, love you'. You provided everything and more, and I have the best memories with you, you made life fun. I'll always hold them precious times close to my heart. I hope you know how much I love you, dad, and always will. You did so much for not just me but for everyone else too. You created a strong family, you were the backbone of us all, you fixed all our problems. Life is going to be hard without you, but you didn't raise no quitters. I'll always remember the times when I was young and you worked away. You would ring every night before my bed time and tell me to look out the window and at the North Star, the brightest star in the sky and tell me it was you. Always watching over me until you were back with me. I will love you forever, Dad.



Tony's Son Dan

Dad, I can't put enough words on this and I know you would be looking down saying 'get a grip and get a bevvie down your neck'. You meant the absolute world to me, you made me who I am today, my best mate, my match going partner. We have had experiences and memories that could last a lifetime. I will carry on your traditions, your love and your passion for the reds. But most of all, I will look after our family. I have massive boots to fill but I'm sure, as your proud son, I'll manage it. My Dad, my hero, my rock. I will love you forever, YNWA.



Sam

Tony Heffernan, or as I like to call him, Big T (aka The General!). A great man, husband, and father, taken too soon. Just a few words from me to you... Firstly, a massive thank you for welcoming me into your home for the past few years and many more to come—it meant everything for me to be welcomed, as a Mancunian especially, into your house. Albeit after having to pass The School of Tony Heff with straight A's before I was! Haha, jokes aside, I promise, man to man, I will continue to do you proud and look after your daughter and family, while you wait for us up there. I know you'll be looking down on us with a Corona, shades on and your trademark smile! Here's to the many good times and laughs we've had together, until next time General, bottoms up! May you Rest in Peace, Big Man. You'll Never Walk Alone.

Imogen

Tony Heff, I truly cannot believe you are no longer with us. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for all the laughs, advice and of course for Dan. I will be forever grateful for everything you have done for me. I will miss our serious chats about life and you knowing the answers to all of my problems (or at least sounding like you do), it just isn't the same walking into the house and not hearing you shout 'alright bitch' and giving the biggest bear hug. Rest in Peace Tony, you really were one of a kind x

Dava

SI SENOR—he was our precious number nine. Hasta Luego Hermano. (see you later brother).

Steph

Tony I know you always knew how much we all loved you and still do forever. You were always more than a brother to Dava and an uncle to my children and their children. You had such a great impact on our lives, we are totally broken without you, the missing link to our family chain. We will always love and talk to you. Heartbroken. Your nutter of a sister-in-law Stephros xxx

Jim and Jackie

Tony, privileged to call you my brother. To grow up with you and share the same family and memories. Level headed, family man, provider. You did good. I will miss you forever.

Danielle

Uncle Tony, you're 1 in a million! We all looked up to you and had the most respect for you, we idolised you! You always gave the best advice, always supported us and believed in us, loved and cared for us. You were more than an uncle, you meant the world to us and always will! I'm gonna miss those famous hugs you gave, they were the best uncle Tony. I always loved how you called Nico Antonio, you'll always have a special place in all our hearts. All our love forever and always your niece Danielle, Paris, Nico and Jesse xxx

Steve and Linda

Once met, never forgotten.

Vicky

You always looked after us as kids, even though you pretended you didn't know us at school! Great childhood memories at Chirk Gardens, Christmas Day, the circus and snowball. School holidays staying for tea, you drinking gravy from a cup, playing on the back field, watching you play football for the school, scoring from corners! A grafter, a great role model for your kids, you've left a big hole in all of our lives. Rest easy Tony, but walk on.

Emma

Memories of you Tony will never die, you'll live on in my mind forever, the laughs the pranks, you were taken far too soon but, hopefully you're being looked after now by the December crew! I feel privileged to have been your family, the close bond we all had, I'll always remember what you said! "There's nothing stronger than family!" Sleep tight, 'till we meet again.

Dave and Nicky

What can I say about my lovely big brother Tony. I remember as a kid I stayed in my Nans, Tony always spoilt me, I was in awe of my handsome big brother and always will be He was my sons godfather and I was so proud he said yes to being my best man. A big loss to everyone he was well loved by all and will be sorely missed. Love you forever.

Annie

I will never get over losing you my beautiful brother, Tony. So proud of you and loved you so much. Goodbye, until we meet again. Look down on your precious family, YNWA.

Jade (Shirley)

Tony, where do I start. Well, you are the most amazing brother I ever had, not just my brother but my god father and my hero. I always looked up to you. I just wish we could have had more time as a family, to have spent it together yet sadly wasn't the case but either way, I have always loved you from the bottom of my heart and always will, RIP, GBNF, YNWA.

Wendy

Tony, I have a good few memories of you like when you stayed at mine for Davids wedding and you kept playing the song 'Fly on the Wings of Love'. I must have heard it a thousand times as you just kept playing it on repeat! Rest easy now x

Colin and Elaine

Beloved Brother-in-law and Uncle, who was born in Liverpool and grew up in Ellesmere Port. Tonys sudden departure has left an indelible void in the lives of all those who had the privilege of knowing him. Tony was a man who lived life to fullest. His love for travel took him to many places around the world with his work and family. Tony worked hard for his family and loved nothing better than a house party and family celebrations. One fun memory of Tony was he used to come home from working on the rigs and grab a book and sit on the toilet for hours on end, lovely memories.

Rebecca

I will miss Uncle Tony calling me Scone head every time I used to see him.

Phil

Tony, our beloved Liverpool supporter, brought an extra dose of laughter and banter to our family. Always in our hearts.

Joan

Tony, you spent the majority of your life with my crazy cousin. You both worked hard and had 2 amazing children, you were the ying to her yang. I know she is left broken hearted, but I know you will always be by her side... oh and by the way, you supported the best football team.

Lee

My uncle had a great sense of humour and there was never a dull moment with him. Always taking the mick and 'd give it him back! Uncle Tony was also a dedicated husband to his wife, my Auntie Denise. Their relationship seemed so perfect and they made marriage look effortless lasting over 30 years. Tony was also an amazing dad to Kelly and Dan. I've always admired and respected the way he was always there for the family and taught them so much. Big Tony will be so proud of you both. He loved you more than words can describe. What an honour it was to have known such a great legend (just supported the wrong team haha)

Donno

Well Tony, I can't believe I'm writing this tribute to you. I was lucky enough that you chose me to be your best man, not once but twice. We were supposed to have a quiet night the night before but as always, got bladdered. We had a bit of a tricky walk home falling into bushes and what not. We also did our own tattoos which didn't turn out the best, haha I think we were 12 or 13 at the time and had to hide them from our parents. I've got nothing but good memories with you. Love you forever and I will never forget you, all my love, your friend for life.

Deb and Paul

Tony, there have been so many great times we've shared, all of them were so special. From us in the Swan in the summer to us jumping on tables in Gran Canaria to the England song. Not forgetting you and Alan on our wedding night, doing a version of the Chippendales. Our own Stanney Dales! We have lost someone who has been a precious part of our life, Heartbroken.

YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE

Dougie and Sonya

Tony... just doesn't seem real writing this at all. But what a honour it was to have been asked. Thank you. But what I do know is that you will be looking down at me peeing yourself laughing at me trying to do this. I have definitely had some of the best laughs and I now have the most amazing memories with you over all those years my mate. From when we first met working on the market together to still drinking in the cat together. We have also shared YOUR sloppy moments... the night you first met Denise in the Regency? Only being there half an hour or so and Tony doing his snake charming to Denise... she threatened to jump the bar and whack us both! But not long after when Tony's charm had worked and the romance kept blooming we were in the Grace and you told me you loved her! Obviously I started laughing and you told me to 'shut the F*** up! Don't tell anyone or you'll get battered'. I got battered. Glad I got to tell you first that I got married, bit late like but weren't sure if me and son were going to get on, seems alright though and hey, you were the first to know. Tony, your legacy will truly live on in your family and friends and really all who knew you. Its been a blast! Going to miss you mate, what a legend, I am absolutely gutted. Ride easy, YNWA.

Sandra and Brian

Tony was not just a friend he was family; we could speak to him about anything and he would never show judgement. His ongoing support, encouragement, family life values, good taste in music, and of course, LFC are just some things that endeared Tony. These are just a pinnacle of the natural qualities Tony had, along with commitment, dedication, strong willingness, hardworking and always aiming high, this in itself provided admiration for everything he achieved, and his undoubted success and accomplishments. We have experienced so many funny, serious, upsetting and hilarious moments over the years far too many to mention but what we would like to say is that your memories and stories will be spoken about for years to come and you will always be an amazing person, we have had the privilege to know, love and admire. This is not goodbye Tony, 'just keep those gates shining and pick a great spot, where the sun is shining, with good music, the beers are cold and be prepared for the hundred questions we will be asking when we next see you'.

Bri Russell

Tony, to say it's heart breaking to be writing this is a massive understatement. Going to miss that big stupid grin and infectious laugh, not to mention obligatory bear hug every time I saw you. I wish I had the chance to thank you for always calling me and encouraging me to try and do better, ever asked for anything in return because you wanted the best for everyone you knew. The word legend was made for people like you. Sleep easy big man, will never forget you my favourite Kopite. Love you, you will never walk alone!

Charlsey

No words can describe how your passing has stunned all who knew you mate. It doesn't feel real or possible that you are ,who we are here for today. Tony Heffernan is a name since kids who I think of as big, strong, determined & friendly. You was the lad with a plan who ticked all the boxes, family, work, money, retirement- he knew what he wanted and how he was getting there. Tony Heffernan Liverpool FC fist clenched arm pumped cheering the Reds, celebrating a win that's Tony Heffernan. Pint in hand laughing with the lads alongside Dava, Donno and Chainey, giving banter to the Mancs or Blues when they get beat. Hoping you wasn't next to be lifted over the bar by him and Dava (LOL). No words can be enough because it doesn't feel real. YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE TONY HEFFERNAN.

Noah

When I think of Tony, smiles and laughter is what I think about. A loving husband, a great dad a hard working lad. When I think back to those match days and great times we has. The funny times working together, the crazy days out, the hilarious pool nights with Ernie and the lads. Cherished memories forever, YNWA.

Paula and Ged

Will always remember our nights out, especially the time you went bar and bought us chili shots and purposely forgot to tell us they were chili, half of us was sick and Ged then spent most of the night in the toilets. We thought the world of you and will miss you so much.

Steve and Sylvia

Tony was a good friend. Sharing many good times together, his jokes, laughter and banter were contagious. Not forgetting to mention his cooking skills, fabulous barbeques and events at home. The laughs were many. Tony worked away during the week, every weekend he could be seen sorting the rubbish out in the garage, during every week Denise, Dan and Kelly would fill the garage up again, only for Tony to do it all again, we watched him and would always laugh about it with him! Tony worked in Australia for a while. One time he came home a day early, as he approached the house I asked 'why a day early?' he said 'I'm going to give Denise a surprise' I said 'I think the milkman may be more surprised!'. Another of the many laughs. We are fortunate to have shared so many memories and will always treasure them.

Darren McGill

Great memories working together over the years and trips away watching the reds in Dortmund and Madrid that I'll never forget. You were always there for advice when needed but loved a wind up at the same time. Rest in Peace my mate, YNWA .

Tom Glover

Goodnight god bless, Tony, going to miss the laughs we had over the years like when you got the £8000 bill from the landlady because little did we know there was a couple getting married at the venue we had been partying in. Duke and Jordan were behaving terrible and they cancelled so she tried to claim it off you! Or when we left you sitting on the runway in Athens after a European Cup final and it took you and extra two days to get home. I'm sure you'll be keeping an eye on the reds from up there. Gone but never forgotten. YNWA.

Aaron (Acca)

I'll always remember when we went to Istanbul, me, Tony, all the lads. We went into the souvenir shop, all the lads at the front ordering all kinds of caps and scarves, passing them all back to each other, passing them onto Tony. In the end we think we've got about 30 caps and scarves. Turn around to Tony and ask him where they all are, he goes I was passing them all on behind me. There was no one behind him, he'd been passing them onto everyone else in the shop. Cost us a fortune. YNWA.

Jimbo

We was in Athens for the Champions League final 2007. And at the airport after the game, it was carnage and we all ended up just on the runways trying to bunk on a plane as was chaos. But after being thrown off about 4 planes already we were all deflated on the runway Tony said 'listen I'm going to get us some water stay here, we were all dehydrated as we'd been on the ale a good 2 days, so off he went to get the water. Next minute someone shouts there's a plane with seats on! We all ran over and got on, someone shouts 'TONY! Where is he?' we all get launched off the plane and see Tony with a crate of water asking where we had all been. He said "right that's it no one is having a water, trying to leave me here". But let me tell you, at that moment seeing him with that water was a pure god send. He proper pulled it out the bag, there was thousands on the runway and not one shop in sight, how he came back with that I'll never know. What a man!

Simon Roberts and the Altrad Team

Tony, your dedication and hard work at Altrad were matched only by the generosity and compassion you showed to everyone around you. You approached every challenge with resilience and a smile, inspiring those around you to do the same. Your impact reached far beyond the confines of our workplace. Your warmth, humour, and larger than life personality touched the lives of everyone fortunate enough to know you. You had a remarkable ability to brighten the room with your presence, laughter and often cheekiness which gave a lasting impression on those you encountered. Rest peacefully, our friend. You will be profoundly missed.

Wilson

8 years ago I met Tony in the Wheatstone Project, then we went together to the Inpex project both in Australia...Tony and I shared many laughs, we got on so well together. He loved the crack with the lads at work and taking the mick at night with a beer. Tony has been a great friend/brother & confidant even after we parted ways, I will always remember what a great man he was. Rest easy my brother/friend you will be sorely missed by all.

Mick Craik

Tony, what can I say? Our first job we done on site, for a Chinese and French company we was asked to build a 'milestone' structure for training purposes- huge job. After design issues, we got the go ahead- all eyes & ears were focused on this job from the client. Tony & the lads finished weeks later with no issues, client due on site on Monday for hand over of this monumental structure. One thing left was to put a 'small company logo sign' up, job done...all went home, Tony stays. Client rings me going mental somethings wrong, 2 hours before hand over. Tony meets me at the structure with a big smile 'Da Dah' what do you think? Tony had stolen red netting from somewhere & covered the job in it. What the hell?! Said it now looks like the KOP still don't know who asked him to do it & said he couldn't find an LFC badge big enough, Tony thought if they was Chinese they would support LFC & be happy with the red. Tony set the tone for the high standard of scaffold, his experience was second to none and if you wasn't a 'RED' you was in for a hell of a ride working with him. Tonys character, wisdom, experience and ability to brighten the room by his presence will never be matched, never mind beaten, certainly the rest of my working career. Our 'one to ones' putting the world to rights are memorable, my trust in you, never forgotten. Take care pal see you when I see you. YNWA.

Kathy McEntee

I met your lovely Denise in Velmore Fashions in the 80's. I can't really be exact when she first introduced me to you but what I do remember was I liked you instantly. Even though you asked me to pull your finger! Tony, you were one of the good guys. I will never forget that smile and the way you could call someone a cunt and make it sound like a compliment. I will miss not bumping into you at the footy but most of all I will miss you not being around anymore. Privileged to call you a friend FTT. YNWA.

Eugenie

Old man I cant believe you have left . I will miss our friendship, banter & the way only you could make a day at work seem like a theme park, fun & crazy. Ill miss seeing our colleagues shocked faces when you would shout 'Yo Bitch!' from across the room. Our walks from East to South, you would listen to me rant & we would gossip like little old ladies. Ill even miss you winding me up with your boys just to see me panic! A ray of sunshine, that's what you were. My rock, my sounding board, you knew when to give me hard truths & when I needed your support. Max and I will miss having you over for a BBQ, talking shop, drowning in cheap Rose and Corona. Ranting at us for having a crap tea...what the hell are we going to do with all that stock of cheap wine and good food? Only you could learn Spanish and say "Una cerveza mas por favor"
Adios querido amigo, te recordaremos siempre.
Will see you soon, take care x

We will miss you so much Dad/Grandad.
Love you forever your Arnie, Betty & Bruce x



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Tony's family wish to express their sincere thanks for the kind expressions of sympathy received in their bereavement.

Donations in memory of Tony are gratefully received in aid of a local Dog and Cat Rescure and Alfie Burke:

Alfie was diagnosed with Optic Pathway Glioma, a type of brain tumour in September 2018. His family are trying to raise £60,000 to fund a new treatment which could help Alfie. Please read more below:

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**Following this funeral service you are warmly invited to join the family for refreshments at
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