

THE PEOPLE SAY GOODBYE TO TOMMY

Gene is a true friend - Tommy Handley. He passes from our daily presence, but never from our hearts. We join our tribute at Golders Green Crematorium with those of his closest friends, Jack Train, his longest radio partner, Jack Hylton, Richard Murdoch, Jack Payne, and those who shared his comradeship in "Itma," Jean Harben and Hattie Jacques. Here too are Billy Danvers and Ronald Shiner, Jack Warner, Paula Green, Charles Shadwell, Lind Joyce, Fred Yule and all the great family of artistes.

These are the people who knew him in life. But for us all, our world has lost a smile. With Ted Kavanagh, Itma's creator, we listen to a choir of Britain's greatest concert singers at the Crematorium Chapel.

Here, in the Garden called Remembrance, lies all but a memory of Tommy Handley. There will abide he who in return for our friendship gave us laughter.