



**ORDER OF CEREMONY
FOR THE COMMITTAL
OF THE ASHES OF**

**TERENCE DUQUESNE
1942 - 2014**

At the Prebendel, Thame on 21 June 2015
outline by Caitlín Matthews, from the Pyramid texts

The burial of Terry's ashes in the stone circle today reflects his wishes to have a ceremony calling upon the wider powers of the universe. In that spirit, you are invited to call upon your own spiritual bedrock as we remember him in this timeless way.

PROCESSION

A branch is borne before everyone with the ashes as we process into the circle. A photo of Terry is placed on the shrine, a basket of ribbons is carried. Incense, censer and a lantern are laid ready, with tray of honey, grains, water, salt & offering dish. Terry's Anubis mask is placed by the Western stone.

PEACE IS GIVEN TO THE QUARTERS *we turn to each direction on the spot*

ALL: (North) May there be peace in the north.

(South) May there be peace in the south.

(West) May there be peace in the west.

(East) May there be peace in the east.

(Facing into the circle) May there be peace in every heart!

KINDLING THE LIGHT & OFFERING OF INCENSE

WELCOME

POEMS & APPRECIATIONS

Prayer ribbons are given out to all.

ADDRESS TO THE KA

OFFERINGS

ADDRESS TO THE BA

PRAYERS – *at the conclusion of the prayers we say:*

ALL: O Terry, we have wept for you, we have mourned for you. We will not forget you. We will not rest until our voices speak the words of offering for you, to sustain you, in accordance with your desire, that you may live as a shining soul.

The Branch is positioned at the head of the grave

COMMITTAL The ashes are placed in the grave.

Each person present places a handful of soil over the ashes and ties a prayer ribbon on the branch

SONG

PRAYER OF UNITY *together we hold hands*

ALL: We swear by peace and love to stand
Heart to heart and hand to hand,
Mark, o Spirit, and hear us now,
Confirming this our sacred vow.

THE DRUID'S PRAYER

ALL: Grant, O God, thy protection,
and in protection, strength,
and in strength, understanding,
and in understanding, knowledge,
and in knowledge, the knowledge of justice,
and in the knowledge of justice, the love of it,
and in that love, the love of all existences,
and in the love of all existences, the love of God,
God and all goodness.

LANTERN IS EXTINGUISHED

PEACE IS GIVEN TO THE QUARTERS (we turn to each direction)

ALL: *(North)* May there be peace in the north.

(South) May there be peace in the south.

(West) May there be peace in the west.

(East) May there be peace in the east.

(facing into the circle) May there be peace in every heart!

Prayer Ribbons are tied to the branch over the grave when it has been in-filled.

PROCESS OUT



The sky has an extra star tonight and always.

Hail to you, you imperishable star.

A thousand of bread
A thousand of beer
A thousand of every good thing
for your Ka.

May you ascend to the stars
shining brightly among the Gods.