

FUNERAL OF LT CDR IAN MOLYNEUX RN – C038253J

Can I start by saying what a wonderful response to the notice posted on Thursday 14th April. A true submariner's reaction, justifiably confirming our ethos. I now have an update on the proceedings:

1. **Background.** Lt Cdr Molyneux, the WEO of HMS ASTUTE, was killed onboard, alongside in Southampton on 8 Apr 11. The Molyneux family has opted for a Service Funeral.

2. Lt Cdr Molyneux leaves a large, closely knit family. The family consists of his wife Gillian and their four children Jamie (13), Arron (12), Bethany (6) and Charlie (3).

FUNERAL LOCATION AND TIMINGS

3. The funeral will take place at the Sacred Heart Church, Springfield Rd, Wigan, WN6 7AT, followed by a burial at Gidlow Cemetery, Wigan Rd, Standish, Wigan, WN6 0AD. The family has invited Royal Navy personnel to the Requiem Mass, the burial and Wake.

CHAPLAIN

4. Chaplain Andrew McFadden Royal Navy (FASFLOT) and Father Andrew Jolly from the Sacred Heart Church will conduct the service.

CONDUCT OF FUNERAL

5. **Arrival of the Funeral Cortege.** The funeral cortege will arrive at the church and be met by the bearer party. After a short pause, the bearer party will carry the coffin of the late Lt Cdr Molyneux into the church, preceding the immediate family members. The bearer party will position the coffin and family members/bearer party will then be seated.

6. **The Church Service.** The Requiem Mass will be conducted by Chaplain Andrew McFadden and Father Andrew Jolly, lasting approximately 80 minutes. On completion of the service the bearer party will carry the coffin out of the church, followed by the immediate family, naval representatives and the congregation. The Funeral Officer will initiate the salute as the hearse leaves for the cemetery.

7. **Arrangements at the Cemetery.** Once the bearer party has placed the coffin in the hearse they will travel directly to Gidlow cemetery ahead of the funeral cortege. The Bugler will already be in position for the committal where the Last Post and Reveille will be sounded. On commencement of the committal the Last post will be sounded. After a period of silence the Reveille will be sounded. On completion of the Graveside Service, Royal Navy personnel Standards and SA Members are invited to depart the area, at the request of the family.

8. Main timings.

Serial	Time	Event
1	1155	Hearse arrives at church. Bearer party and coffin precede family.
2	1200	Requiem Mass.
3	1320	On completion of Requiem Mass, Bearer party moves the coffin to the hearse. Family following.
4	o/c	FO initiates salute as hearse departs for cemetery. Bearer party transported to cemetery.
5	o/c	Mini bus picks up Standard Bearers. (TBC. Depending on availability from HMS Eaglet.)
6	1400	Committal conducted by Chaplain McFadden. Bugler: Last Post and Reveille.
7	1500 approx	On completion of the Graveside Service, Funeral Party and Service personnel Standards and SA Members depart.

9. **Seating Plan.** The Funeral Officer will reserve seating for senior military personnel, Funeral Party and immediate family.

10. **Flowers.** The family has requested that flowers only from close relatives are to be sent. Those wishing to make a donation should do so through the Funeral Directors in aid of the Royal Navy Royal Marine Charity and The Marine Society and Sea Cadet Charity. See the Order of Service for further details.

11. **Parking.** Parking outside the Sacred Heart Church is extremely limited. Local Police in liaison with Wigan Council will erect no parking cones along Springfield Rd at 0900 on Thu 28 Apr. Springfield Rd is a narrow and busy arterial route, which will be kept clear by police. There are no adjacent public parking areas and it is a dense residential area.

12. **Changing Facilities.** There are no suitable facilities for changing into uniform at Sacred Heart Church.

13. **Naval Representatives Attending**

- a. Rear Admiral IF Corder, Rear Admiral Submarines
- b. Commodore SR Baum Royal Navy, Naval Regional Officer Northern England
- c. Commodore JK Moores Royal Navy, Commodore Faslane Flotilla

14. **SUMMARY.** Following the tragic circumstances around the death of Lt Cdr Molyneux, the funeral has become an event with major national coverage, as well as generating huge local community interest. Owing to the immense popularity of Lt Cdr Molyneux and the local area support and recognition for the Armed Forces, it is anticipated that the attendance at the funeral will be very significant. I am sure I do not need to point out that this is going to be a very high profile funeral, not only with Senior Officers but with media coverage as well, therefore our dress should be immaculate, standards and equipment polished.

15. **STANDARD BEARERS.** Are requested to meet Iain Mackenzie at Sacred Heart Church 10:00. to practice routines, and positioning of Standards for Service Briefing

Iain Mackenzie

From: [Barlow, Dave \(UK\)](#)

Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2011 1:11 PM

Subject: IAN MOLYNEUX

I have just been advised that Lt Cdr Ian Molyneux's funeral will be on Thursday 28 April. It will be held at the Sacred Heart Church, Springfield Road, Hindley, Wigan. WN6 7AT at 1200 and thereafter at Gidlow Cemetery at 1400. The Submariners Association are welcome along with Standards. The National Standard will be in attendance. Would those wishing to attend please advise **Iain Maddog Mackenzie**

DERBYSHIRE SA AND RNA

Following discussion with the RNA Chair (Tom Smith) and Secretary of the RNA (John McCann) I have advised Iain Mackenzie that:

CAR 1 DERBY SA Terry Hall (Driver), Jim Hunt SA, Peter Lawson SA, Ron Slater SA

Vehicle Contact Number Terry Hall

CAR 2 DERBY RNA Norman Bullock (**RNA Standard**) John Grisman (Driver) RNA

Peter Johnson (**SA Standard**), Mrs Joyce Skidmore RNA with P Johnson

Vehicle Contact Number Peter Johnson

(Note: As advised to Iain both cars have Blue Badge holders but cars to deliver passengers and thence seek parking as they can) Each car to undertake its own funding and time of departure and pick up details with the driver of each vehicle.

Derbyshire Branch members will recognise some of the Senior Officers!!

Commodore Dicky Baum Royal Navy Was our special guest as SM1 at the Stuart SA Traf Dinner

Commodore Jake Moores Royal Navy we know well from Sovereign visits, and when he was a four ringer and hosted our trip on a bomber in Faslane, & recently late of BRNC Dartmouth!

Terry Hall Hon Secretary, Derbyshire Submariners