

In Loving Memory Of Jerry Balius



On September 22, 2021, Gerald "Jerry" Arthur Balius, Jr. passed away at Sheridan Memorial Hospital at the age of 75. Jerry was born in Louisville, Mississippi, to Reverend Gerald and Nell Balius on May 13, 1946. He was the eldest of four children with siblings Athel, Erving and Lisa. He graduated in 1964 from Lanier Senior High School in Macon, Georgia. Shortly thereafter he joined the United States Marine Corp and served with distinction in Vietnam. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, The Good Conduct Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon and the Vietnam Service Medal. He was medically discharged Oct. 31, 1970, having earned the rank of Sergeant. On July 10, 1976, he married his beautiful bride, Maria Elaine Obery in Dubois, Wyoming, where they purchased their own piece of heaven in the Wind River Mountains. They built their cabin from the trees on the land. They had two children, Dawn Marie and Jeremiah Lee.

Jerry was a superintendent of construction for many years. He loved the challenges and rewards that came with jobs that included the Green River Recreation Center, Evanston High School, Lusk Women's center, Gillette Library and Courthouse, and Beaver Creek Ski Resort in Beaver Creek, Colorado.

He gave his life over to the Lord Jesus and spent the rest of his years growing in his relationship with His Lord and loving his family. In 2004, he was ordained as a Lay minister for the Assembly of God Church and served as Pastor of the Dubois Assembly of God Church. He often spoke and sang at many small churches throughout Wyoming.

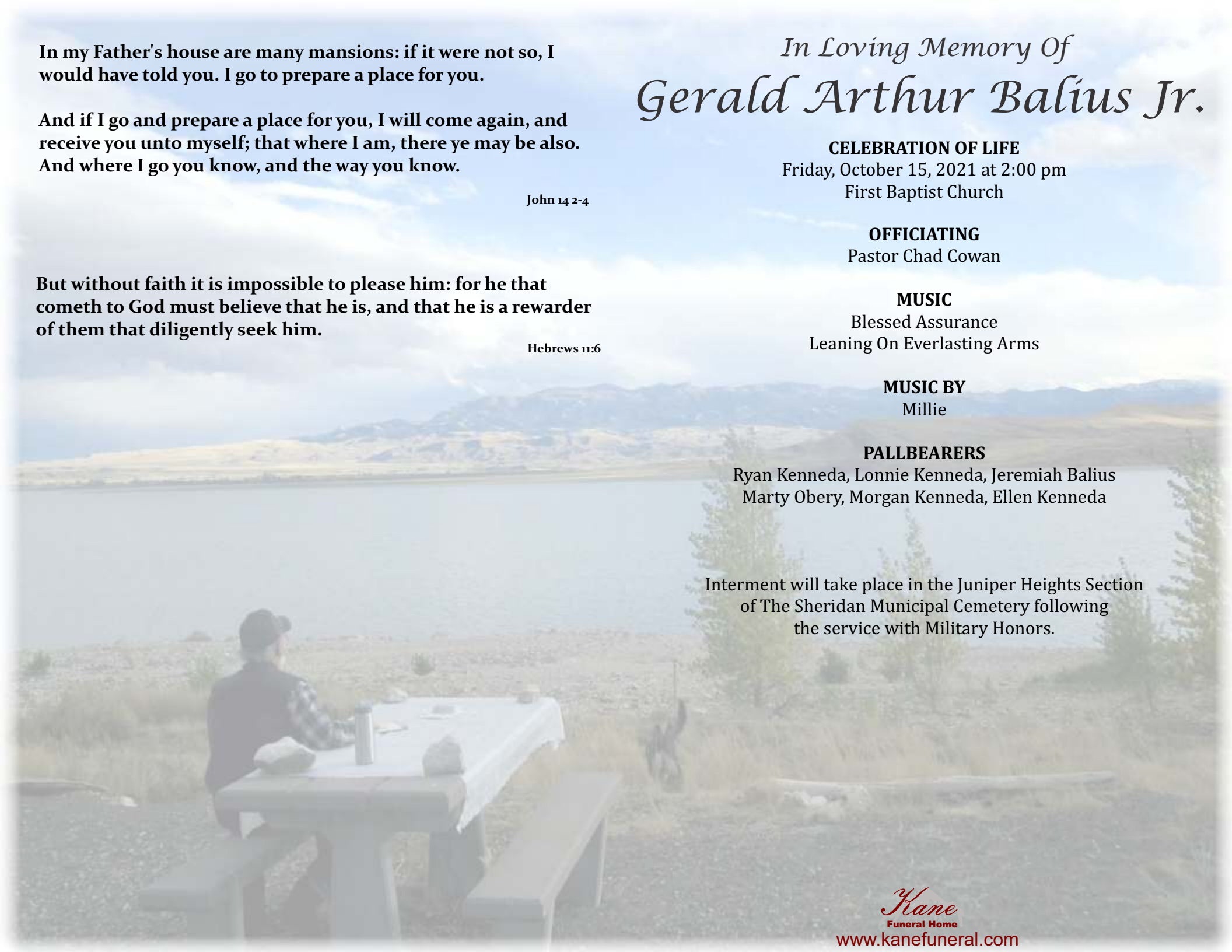
He was always up for an adventure, living in various places all over the country, but always coming home to Wyoming, which he deeply loved in all of its windy wildness. His varied life experiences gave him a trove of material for his great stories. Music was an important thread throughout his life and a highlight was his time as lead singer in the Ted Neally 5 band during his time in Hawaii. He loved hunting, skiing, snowmobiling, motorcycles, muscle cars and a good Clint Eastwood western. He could build or fix almost anything and always had some special project going.

He loved his family and they will miss him greatly. Jerry is survived by his wife, Elaine, son Jeremiah, daughter Dawn (Ryan) Kenneda, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to express their gratitude for all the care and compassion they have received from Sheridan Memorial Hospital, First Baptist Church, and other members of the community during the last final weeks of Jerry's life.



May 13, 1946 - September 22, 2021

A person is sitting at a picnic table with a white tablecloth, looking out over a large body of water towards a range of mountains under a cloudy sky. The scene is peaceful and scenic.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.

John 14 2-4

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Friday, October 15, 2021 at 2:00 pm
First Baptist Church

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Pastor Chad Cowan

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PALLBEARERS

Ryan Kennedy, Lonnie Kennedy, Jeremiah Balius
Marty Obery, Morgan Kennedy, Ellen Kennedy

Interment will take place in the Juniper Heights Section
of The Sheridan Municipal Cemetery following
the service with Military Honors.

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