

Man is mortal, this is true. and that applies to women, too.

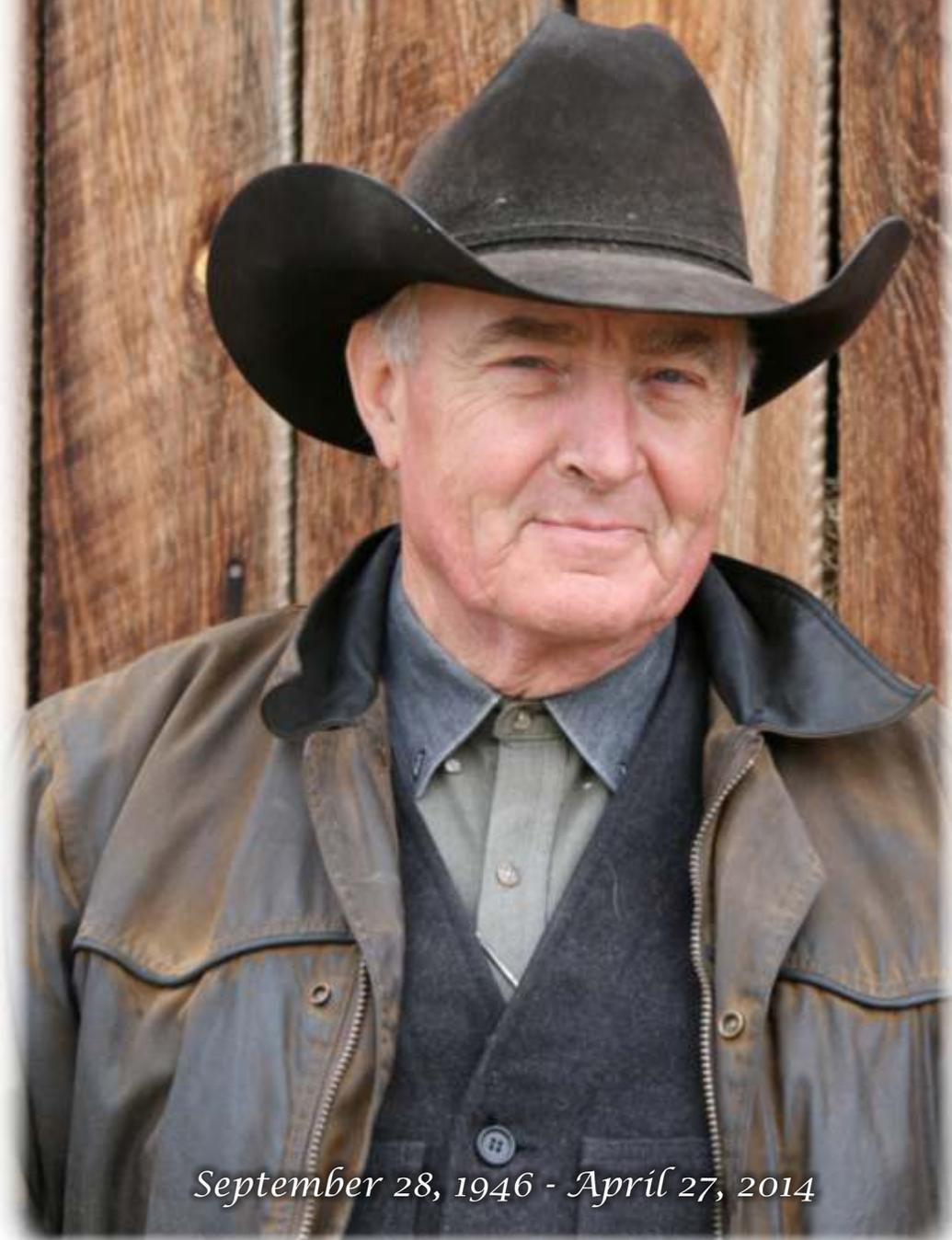
*To each of us, to those we love, And to our dearest friends,
At some point human life begins And at some point it ends.*

*We don't know when. Life is dispensed In differing amounts.
but it is not how LONG we lived - It's HOW we lived that counts.*

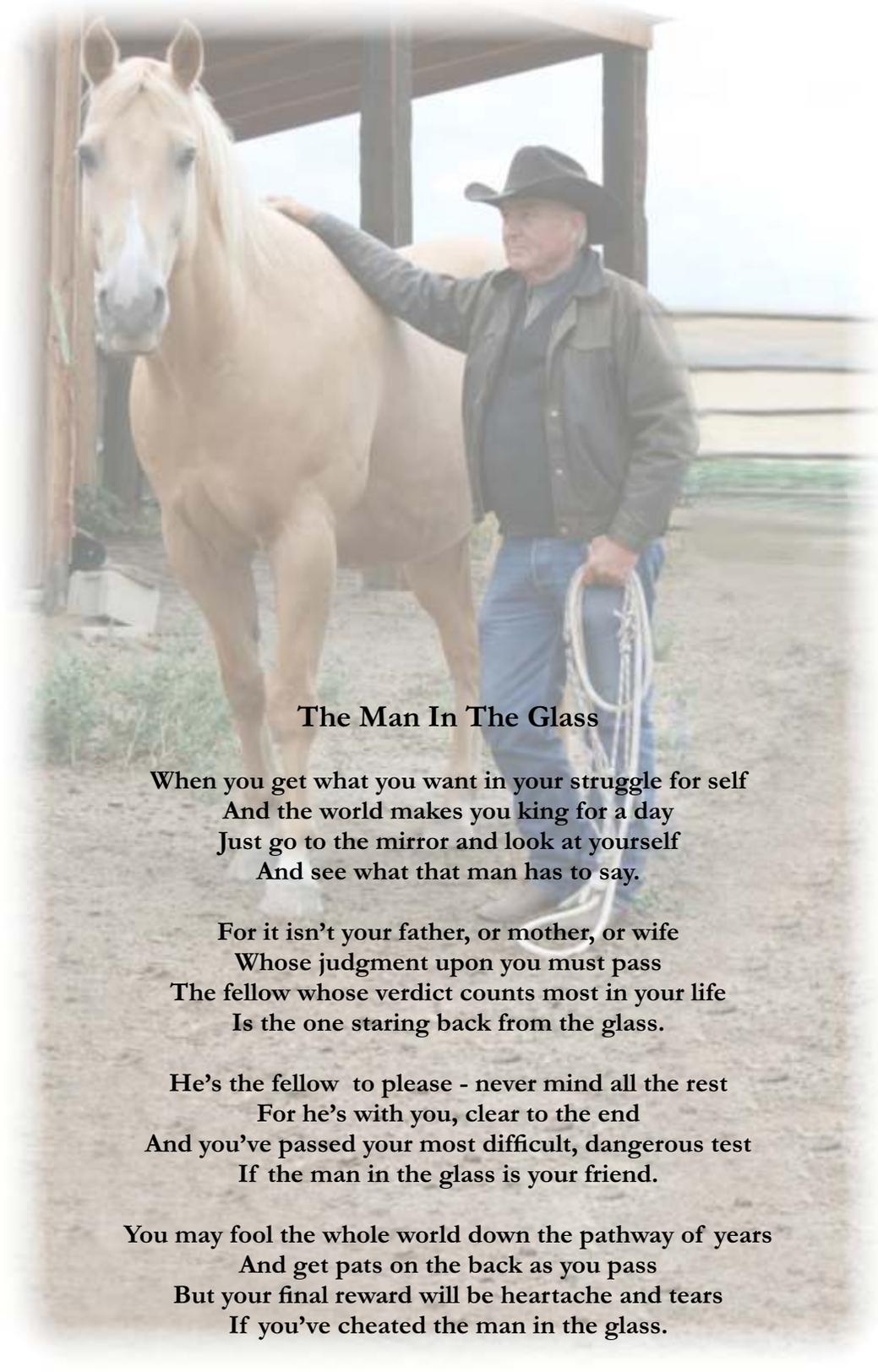
*Death, like life, is natural, And not to be afraid of.
If you love life, guard well your time -
For time's the stuff life's made of...*

On a quiet Sunday morning, the Lord called Don Butler home. Don was born on September 28, 1946 in Billings Montana, and was a cowboy from day one. After proudly serving his country in Vietnam, he returned to work as a cowboy on several ranches in northern Wyoming and southern Montana. Don began leather tooling as a teenager, stamping belts for Ernst's Saddlery in Sheridan. His interest in saddle making began one summer while working on a cow camp in the Big Horn Mountains. Don and Kitty opened the Custom Cowboy Shop in 1976 in Sheridan, Wyoming and a second store in Cody, Wyoming in 1990. Don perfected his craft and became well-known in his field, winning many awards and accolades including the Saddle Maker of the Year Award and the Governor's Arts Award for the State of Wyoming in 2009. His passion for his craft extended into silverwork and artwork as well. He worked for the Wyoming Stock Grower's Association as a brand inspector as well as a Sales Representative for several years. His passion for life and his work were unequalled. His greatest joy and pride were in his family, wife Kitty of almost 45 years, son Michael (Colleen), daughter Julie (Matt) and youngest son Steven. His two granddaughters, Molly and Nora were the apple of Papa's eye. He is survived by one sister, Sheri Butler of Billings, Montana, and countless friends. This kind man had a big heart and was a mentor to many. He never met a stranger and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He will be remembered always for his infectious laughter, the sparkle in his eye, his humbleness, generosity, honesty, unwavering integrity, sense of humor and willingness to help anyone in any situation. He was a true top hand and lived every day of his 67 years.

Donald Butler



September 28, 1946 - April 27, 2014



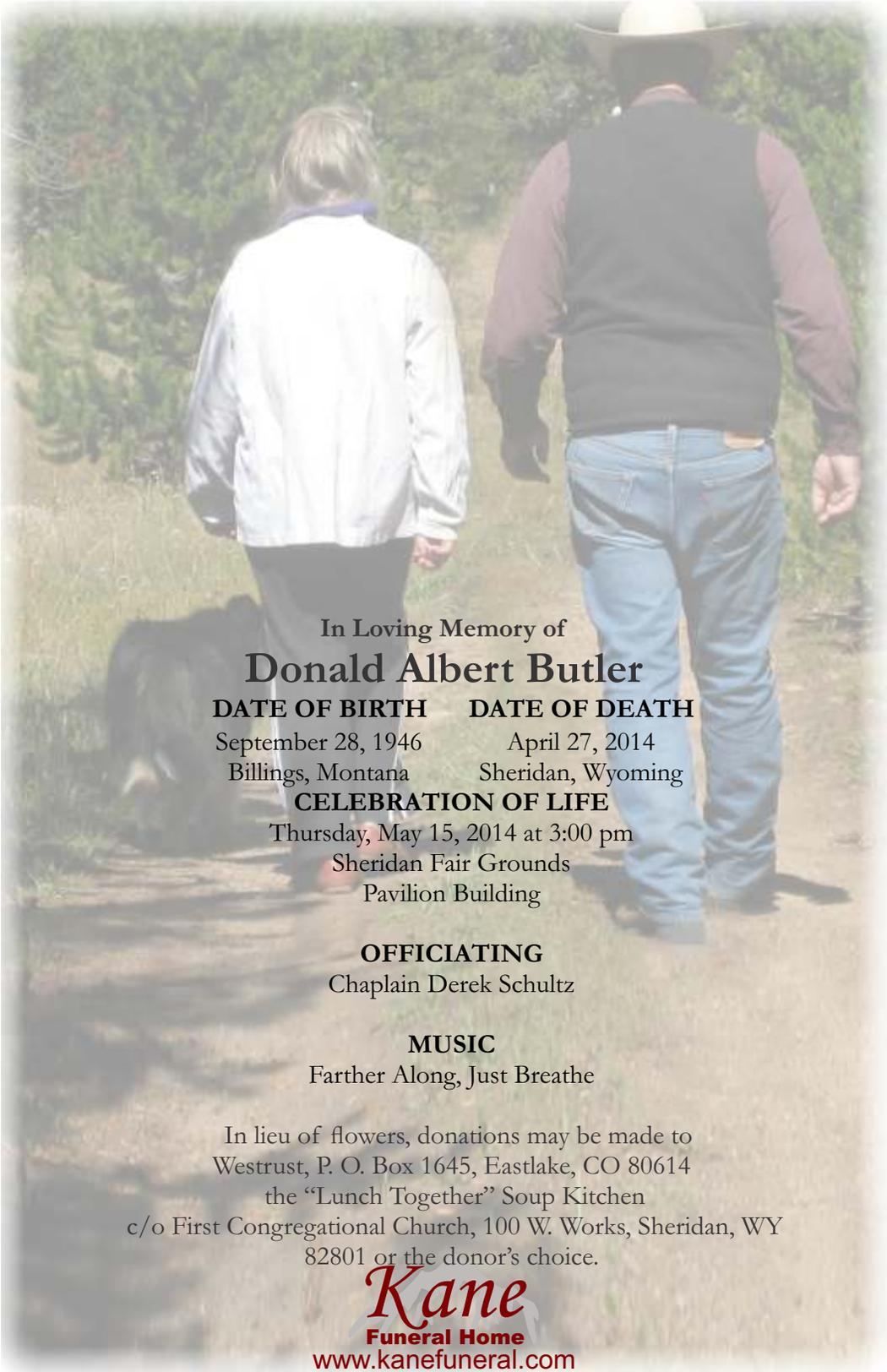
The Man In The Glass

When you get what you want in your struggle for self
And the world makes you king for a day
Just go to the mirror and look at yourself
And see what that man has to say.

For it isn't your father, or mother, or wife
Whose judgment upon you must pass
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life
Is the one staring back from the glass.

He's the fellow to please - never mind all the rest
For he's with you, clear to the end
And you've passed your most difficult, dangerous test
If the man in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years
And get pats on the back as you pass
But your final reward will be heartache and tears
If you've cheated the man in the glass.



In Loving Memory of

Donald Albert Butler

DATE OF BIRTH **DATE OF DEATH**

September 28, 1946

April 27, 2014

Billings, Montana

Sheridan, Wyoming

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 3:00 pm

Sheridan Fair Grounds

Pavilion Building

OFFICIATING

Chaplain Derek Schultz

MUSIC

Farther Along, Just Breathe

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to
Westrust, P. O. Box 1645, Eastlake, CO 80614
the "Lunch Together" Soup Kitchen
c/o First Congregational Church, 100 W. Works, Sheridan, WY
82801 or the donor's choice.

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