



Dr. Bryan George Rowe went to be with God on September 9, 2009, in Ellicott City, Maryland. He was 48 years old.

Bryan was born in Baltimore to Morris and Paula Rowe on February 18, 1961, along with his twin brother, Bart. He began his piano study at age five and composed his first composition at age six. Bryan received a scholarship to study organ at The Peabody Conservatory Preparatory School while in secondary school. He graduated from Lebanon Valley College of Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins University, and The Graduate Theological Foundation with a doctorate in Sacred Music. His experience in that program led him to studies abroad at Salisbury Cathedral as well as Oxford University in England. Dr. Rowe also studied

composition and organ at The Juilliard School.

Bryan was an accomplished performer and composer. His work is scored for piano, organ, orchestra, as well as choirs. His anthem, "Beatitudes," had its European debut in 2000 in Ely, Salisbury, Canterbury, and St. Paul's Cathedrals in England. "Beatitudes" was written in memory of the victims of the Columbine Massacre, with eight-part choir, violin solo, and four dancers. Bryan's compositions and arrangements have been described as "pure, honest, and melody-laden; classical structure infused with Celtic and jazz influences."

Bryan performed nationally and internationally as a pianist, organist, and choral conductor. His international performances included a tour of Europe, during which he performed a solo organ recital at St. Paul's Cathedral, London featuring several of his original works for organ (recorded on his CD, *Bryan G. Rowe LIVE!*). His national performances included five recitals at Washington's National Cathedral, Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California, and numerous concerts in Memphis, Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

Recently, Bryan expanded on his ever-growing musical endeavors by teaming up with Phil Munds, Principal Hornist of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, to create the stirring work, *SPIORAD*. The title, which means "Spirit" in the Gaelic language, takes listeners to the rolling hills and green valleys of the British Isles whilst guiding them toward a sense of peace. Both Bryan and Phil have ancestral links to Scotland and England. The CD features "Oxford Suite," written for his wife, Barbara for their marriage at New College in Oxford in 2004. He has written choral works with orchestra, pieces for voice (six of which were written and given to the world renowned soprano Leontyne Price), and pieces for piano, oboe, horn, violin, and cello as well as organ.

Bryan was a prolific recording artist. His compilation of live organ performances entitled *Bryan G. Rowe LIVE!* Features monumental works of Bach, Durufle, Franck, and Karg-Elert as

well as several of Rowe's original compositions. His other albums include *Spiorad*, *Songs of the Soul*, *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*, and *The Call*.

Bryan leaves behind his wife, Barbara, his step-daughter, Bria, and son-in-law, Dan. His brothers and their wives, David and Sharon, Bart and Colleen, Scott and Sharon and their children, Steven, Daniel, Brandon, Colin, Cameron, Breanne, Candice and Travis; and his in-law family, Mike and Eloise Meneses, John and Jane Hiebert-White and their children, Mary and Nicholas, Holly and Dave Metzler, and Andrew Meneses.

Visitations will be held at Gonce Funeral Home, 4001 Ritchie Hwy in Baltimore, MD on Monday, September 14 from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. A memorial service will take place on Tuesday, September 15, at Central Presbyterian Church, 7308 York Rd Towson, MD at 11:00 a.m. with a preceding visitation at 10:00 a.m. in the main sanctuary. The service and reception will be followed by a burial ceremony at Cedar Hill Cemetery, 5859 Ritchie Highway in Brooklyn Park, MD. A reception will follow at the home of Bart and Colleen Rowe, 1687 Sam Ryder Road, Arnold, MD 21012.

From Cedar Hill Cemetery head south on Rt 2/Ritchie Hwy. Travel 16 miles thru Glen Burnie, Pasadena and Severna Park. After passing Arnold Road (Safeway is on the left), stay south for about 1/2 mile. As you are heading up the hill toward Rt. 50, make a left turn across Rt 2 onto Md-648/Baltimore Annapolis Blvd. Go 1/4 mile and make a left on Old Sturbridge Road (community is Sturbridge). Follow to the back of the neighborhood and make a right n Sam Ryder Road. Park nearest the intersection of Old Sturbridge and Sam Ryder Roads nearest the community park.

Bryan sponsored children with Save the Children Fund, so please direct memorial donations to:

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