



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

John Michael Bellus

WHO WAS BORN

October 25, 1959
Washington, District of Columbia

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

December 22, 2024
Odenton, Maryland

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.
Mundwiler Funeral Home Chapel
Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Pastor Melanie Reiners

MUSICIAN

Tim Mundwiler, Special Music

CASKET BEARERS

Aylin Mammadli | Ergon Mammadli
Bob Holtquist | Robert VanHout
Jeremy Johnson | Dustin Holtquist | Dave Schoon

HONORARY BEARERS

All of Mike's FBI Co-Workers
All of Mike's Extended Family and Friends

INTERMENT

Milbank Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Mike's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.
Following the graveside service, please join the family for
a time of food and fellowship at the Milbank Community Center.

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Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call

I turned my back and left it all

I could not stay another day

To laugh, to love, to work or play

Tasks left undone must stay that way

I found that peace at the close of the day

If my parting has left a void

Then fill it with remembered

Joy

A friendship shared,

a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss

Be not burdened with times of sorrow

I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow

My life has been full, I've savored much

Good friends, good times,

a loved one's touch

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief

Lift up your heart and share with me

God wanted me now, He set me **FREE!**

John Michael Bellus was born on October 25, 1959, to John F. and Darlene (Lage) Bellus. A lifelong learner, Mike was a man of many interests. He loved sports, particularly golf and basketball, traveling, and had a remarkable enthusiasm for many types of collectables – and especially cars.

Mike was an over 45-year employee of the FBI. He started his distinguished career at the age of 19. He eventually became a Special Agent, and his FBI duties took him around the world. After retiring as a Special Agent, Mike rejoined the FBI in a civilian capacity. Alongside his government work, he managed a family business in Milbank, South Dakota. His ability to balance a demanding career with his devotion to family and business was a testament to his hard work and dedication.

On July 22, 2020, Mike married Irina Gurbanova, forming a loving partnership that extended to caring for their family.

Surviving Mike are his wife, Irina Gurbanova Bellus, of Odenton, MD; and two stepchildren whom he cherished as his own: his stepson, Ergun Mammadli of Boise, ID; and his stepdaughter, Aylin Mammadli of Odenton, MD.

Preceding him in death were his parents, and his brother, Thomas Bellus; and his maternal grandparents: Wilbur and Annie Lage.

*Please use this QR Code to view Mike's
obituary and tribute video.*



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