

**Gerald Ray Koonce**

Age 79, a resident of Hogeye, Arkansas, passed away Friday, December 30, 2022 at his home. He was born April 21, 1943 in Lamesa, Texas, the son of Ervin Burton and Zora Faye (Harris) Koonce.

Gerald married his high school sweetheart, Diann, and were married for 60 years. Together they had five children and five grandchildren.

He retired from Levi Strauss after 33 years and spent a short time as a policeman and fireman. He was a lifetime musician and loved country and western music. He started singing for his Aunt Minnie Bell at four years old and went on to win the Red Foley's Ozark Jubilee singing contest at 10 years old.

He was preceded in death by one daughter Dina Raye, his father Jake, his mother Zora Faye and his step father Bill Drennan.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Martha Diann Koonce; four children Kevin Koonce and his wife Regina of Berryville, Arkansas, Dana Koonce of West Fork, Arkansas, Jon Koonce and his wife Regina of West Fork, and CeCe Pedersen and her husband Russ also of West Fork; five grandchildren Jacob Pedersen, Jaxsen Pedersen, Brandy Royster, Christopher Royster, and Andrew Bray.

**APPRECIATION**

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

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## *THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF*



# *Gerald Ray Koonce*

**April 21, 1943 - December 30, 2022**

The LORD is my Shepherd;  
I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in  
green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside  
the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul:  
He leadeth me in the paths  
of righteousness for  
his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil:  
for Thou art with me:  
Thy rod and Thy staff  
they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table  
before me in the presence  
of mine enemies:  
Thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and  
mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD forever.

## A man wearing a black long-sleeved shirt, blue jeans, and a black cowboy hat is standing in a living room, playing a white banjo. He is smiling at the camera. The room has yellow walls decorated with several framed pictures and a small calendar. To his left is a fireplace with a white mantel. In the background, a doorway leads to a kitchen with wooden cabinets and a white countertop. A small table with a water bottle and a trash can are visible in the foreground.

For everything there is  
an appointed season,  
And a time for everything  
under heaven -  
A Time for sowing,  
a time for reaping,  
A time for sharing,  
a time for caring,  
A time for loving,  
a time for giving,  
A time for remembering,  
a time for parting,  
You have made everything  
beautiful in its time  
For everything you do  
remains forever.

