

Clayton Robert Adams was born on New Years Day, 1992, in Sioux Falls, to James and Christine (Compton) Adams. He joined a busy home with three older sisters in Baltic before moving with his family to Garretson in 1994. He attended K-12 in Garretson and made lifelong friends and family. After graduating, he went on to Colorado for landscape architecture.

If you knew Clayton, you loved Clayton, he would get you to join him doing something out doors. It started when he made sure he showed you his love for the outdoors. As soon as he could walk, he spent hours outside. At the age of two and a half, he could be found practicing casting into a 5-gallon bucket with precision, sitting under the hood of a truck with his dad, getting any tool that was called for. His toybox was filled with all the beautiful rocks he collected with a few Hot Wheels. As he grew into his early teens, he loved to help people and kids alike, by fixing chains on bikes, flat tires, and mowers and other small engines for neighbors.

So needless to say, His passions were about fishing, hunting, fast cars, good friends, pretty women and being in, on, or near water. He enjoyed spending time at Split Rock Creek, Lake Madison, the Fishing Hole or any other lakes and streams in the area with his line in the water or with his bow, spearing carp.

His search for rocks that meant something to him was something that he never quit searching for. I was a lucky recipient of some of his favorites, I hope you were a lucky recipient too. They were tokens of his love when he handed it to you.

Clayton was no stranger to showing his feelings, standing up for what he believed in and the ability to love with his whole heart. He passed away at his home, on May 14, 2025.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Christine and Michael Madigan, Sioux Falls; sisters: Chrystal (Jason) with nieces Jillian and Everly Schulte, Parker, Kayla (Nick) with nieces Kate, Reese, and Indie Thepboury, Sioux Falls, and Hannah (Ben) with nieces and nephews Kyra, Roman, Vivian and Carson Weiss, Brandon; step-siblings: Adam (Erin) with nieces and nephews Dustin, Addison and Emmet Madigan, Box Elder and Maureen with niece Rayna Madigan, Sioux Falls; grandparents: John Stephen Compton Claremont, CA, and Sandra (Jay) Levy, Suwanee, GA; uncles: David with cousins Blake and Shae Compton; Steve (Meg) and with cousins Maya and Sean Compton; and Clint Compton, all of Claremont, CA. Clayton will also be remembered by special friends Chris Thompson, Aaron Myre, Shelby Winterton, Jodi Peters, Maddy Lesko and the Garretson class of 2010. Along with many other relatives and friends.

Clayton was preceded by death by his father, James Robert Adams; grandparents, Robert and Dorothy Adams; great grandparents Thomas and A. Jeanne Nickerson; James and Helen Towers; and John Virgil Compton.

In Memory Of **Clayton R. Adams**

January 1, 1992 † May 14, 2025

Celebration of Life

1: 00 PM

Tuesday, May 27, 2025
Minnehaha Funeral Home
Garretson, South Dakota

Clergy

Pastor Don Reiffenberger

Readings

Psalms 61:1-2
Matthew 11:28-30

Poems

“Remember Me” & “Gone Fishing”

Music

“Tears in Heaven” by Eric Clapton
“You Are My Sunshine” by Christina Perri
“Precious Child” by Stowegood
“Dirt Road Anthem” by Jason Aldean

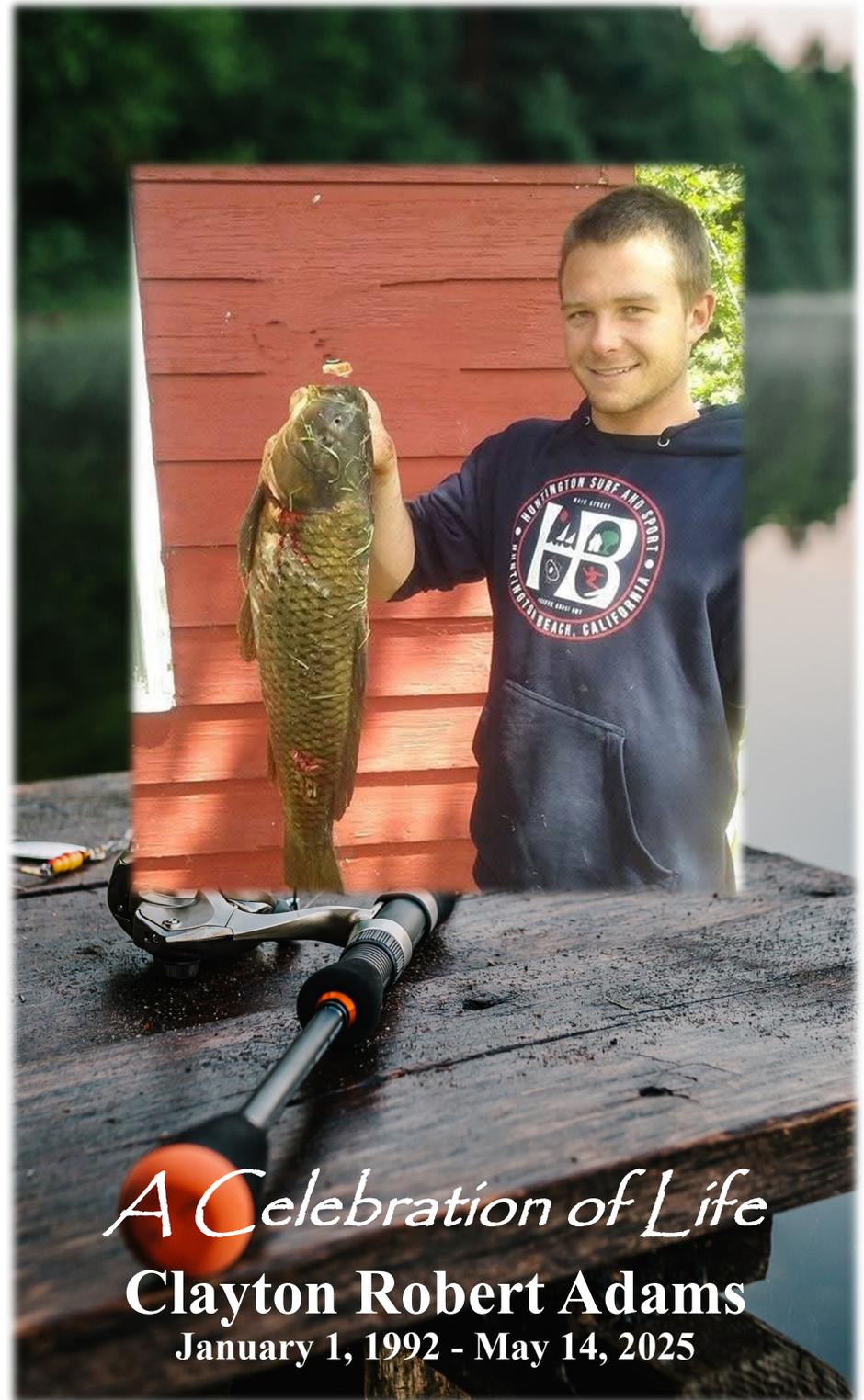
Congregational Hymns

“Just As I Am”

Interment

Hills of Rest Cemetery
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

*To the living, I am gone, To the sorrowful, I will
never return, To the angry, I was cheated, But
to the happy, I am at peace, And to the
faithful, I have never left. I cannot speak, but I
can listen. I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.*



A Celebration of Life
Clayton Robert Adams
January 1, 1992 - May 14, 2025