



Funeral Service

*Presho Gymnasium, Presho, SD
Monday, October 25, 2021
2:00 p.m.*

Officiating

Pastor Mindy Ehrke

Ushers

Bryan Hamer ~ Jake Langenbau ~ Nathaniel Hawk ~ Keith Wells

Register Book Attendants

Beth Langenbau ~ Sarah Seibel

Kayla's Casketbearers

*Brady Hamer ~ Lindsey Johnson
Shawn Raymond ~ Austin Perry
Jason Seamans ~ Tommy Walling*

Mark's Casketbearers

*Coy Amiotte ~ Christian Jones
Drew Pearson ~ Levi Langenbau
Shae McClanahan ~ Taylor Cook*

Interment

Presho City Cemetery, Presho, SD

*Everyone is invited for refreshments & fellowship back at
the gymnasium following the committal services.*



In Loving Memory Of
Mark & Kayla



Kayla Joan Hamer was born on October 22, 1990 in Mitchell, SD to Kenneth and Diane (Halvorson) Hamer. She spent her childhood on the family farm south of Kennebec, where as a child she was known to collect bugs, frogs, and salamanders. A model, all-around student, she attended the Lyman School District where she was active in student council, year-book staff, cheerleading, band, and National Honors Society. She graduated with honors in 2009.

Upon her graduation, Kayla made her home in Rapid City with her high school sweetheart, Mark Cook. She attended

Headlines Academy where she received her cosmetology degree. She worked at several hair salons, but had a special place in her heart for Cost Cutters. On October 24, 2015, she received her most prestigious and honorable job title – Mother. She gave birth to her only son—the light of her life, Jaxon Alexander Cook. Upon becoming a mother, she was grateful to be able to take some time to stay at home and focus all her efforts to her son. She went back to work in 2018 and was quickly promoted to the manager of Once Upon a Child.

Kayla took pride in being a mother. Her family was her world. In her spare time, she enjoyed going on adventures, whether it was to Reptile Gardens, ax throwing or leaving the state to see new things with Mark and Jaxon; she was never afraid to try new things. She was also a DIY pro. If something broke, you could bet she would find the parts and watch a YouTube video to fix it. Although generally known to be soft spoken, on occasions Kayla would say a few choice words when deemed necessary. There wasn't anything she couldn't do if she put her mind to it (except maybe crossing a creek to chase after a shoplifter).

Kayla passed away on October 17, 2021 as a result of an automobile accident near Rapid City, SD. Gratefully sharing her life are her son Jaxon of Rapid City, SD; her parents Kenny and Diane Hamer of Kennebec, SD; her sister Lindsey (Beau) Johnson of Presho, SD; her brother Brady Hamer of Aberdeen, SD; her Grandfather Gary Halvorson of Kennebec, SD; nephews Layton and Hank Johnson of Presho, SD; numerous aunts & uncles, cousins, and friends.

Preceding her in death were her fiancé Mark Cook Jr., her maternal grandmother Joan Halvorson, and paternal grandparents Burdette and Edna Hamer.

Mark Anthony Christopher Cook Jr. was born in Duarte, CA on May 28th, 1990 to Betty Wells and Mark Cook. He was raised and spent his childhood in Presho, SD, where as a child he was known to Skateboard with his friends and brother. He loved to go to the Presho pool during the summer, and enjoyed activities such as AAU wrestling, baseball, and cross country. Markie was also known pretty well by his teachers.

After graduating, Markie left Presho and moved to Rapid City, SD with the love of his life and high school sweetheart Kayla Hamer. After different jobs working in both the food industry and construction, he found his calling with Oglala Lakota College, where he worked as a GED Teacher/Tutor. In this time, he earned his Associates degree in Business and at the time of passing was on track to graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

On October 24th, 2015 Markie became a father with the birth of his son Jaxon Alexander Cook. He loved being a dad and spending time with his son, and they enjoyed many outdoor activities together. They loved taking family vacations together to places like the Omaha Zoo, Denver Aquarium and Zoo, Minnesota aquarium and the Mall of America. Mark was planning to teach his son how to hunt with a bow and was already playing t-ball with him. Mark's whole world was Kayla and Jaxon and they created a beautiful and joyful family life together.

Mark passed away on Sunday October 17th, 2021 as a result of an automobile accident near Rapid City, SD. Gratefully sharing his life with son Jaxon of Rapid City, SD; along with parents Betty Wells of Presho, SD and Mark Cook of Presho, SD; his sister Tiffany Cook Sandoval and her husband David Sandoval of Las Cruces, NM; Nephew Taylor Cook of Pierre, SD; Niece Kaysea Cook Sandoval of Las Cruces, NM; Aunt Kim Morris of TN and Uncle Michael Morris of IL; Uncle David Wells of OK; his cousin Christina and her husband Jack Messenger of TN; Charles and wife Holly Wells of Pierre SD and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Preceding him in death was his fiancé Kayla Hamer. His brother Justin Cook, Grandparents Beatrice Wells, Charles Wells, Christina Morris and Pappa.

