

God's Garden

God looked around His garden
and He found an empty place.
He then looked down upon this earth,
and saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids,
and whispered, "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.



Samantha (Sam) Jade Kling was born to parents Lea (Landis) and Dennis Kling on February 9th, 1990, in Hettinger, ND. She grew up on the family ranch south of Thunderhawk, SD. Growing up she enjoyed camping and fishing along the Grand River near the family's home. In December of 1991, Sam gained a brother, Dylan. They attended Center country school; a one room country school 8 miles east of the ranch.

After 8th grade, she attended Lemmon High School, graduating with the Class of 2008. During high school she had many friends who she still held close. While in high school she enjoyed participating in volleyball and track and taking stats for wrestling and basketball.

After high school she went on to attend Black Hills State University and earned degrees in Business Administration and Human Resource Management. While in college she made many lifelong friends and fell in love with the beauty of the Black Hills. Upon graduating in 2012, she took a job at Freshstart gas station in their corporate office. While working there she met Gary McCoy and his three children, Alison, Gary Jr., and Kenzie, who she loved like they were her own.

In 2017 they moved from Spearfish to a cabin they had remodeled up in the hills outside of town. It was there that Porter James and Carter Lee were born. The mountain life brought her and the kids endless joy. Sam, Gary, and the kids had many adventures, and they loved taking the kids camping, fishing, hiking, or doing anything outdoors. Thrifting and rummage saling was another favorite past time - she loved finding a good deal.

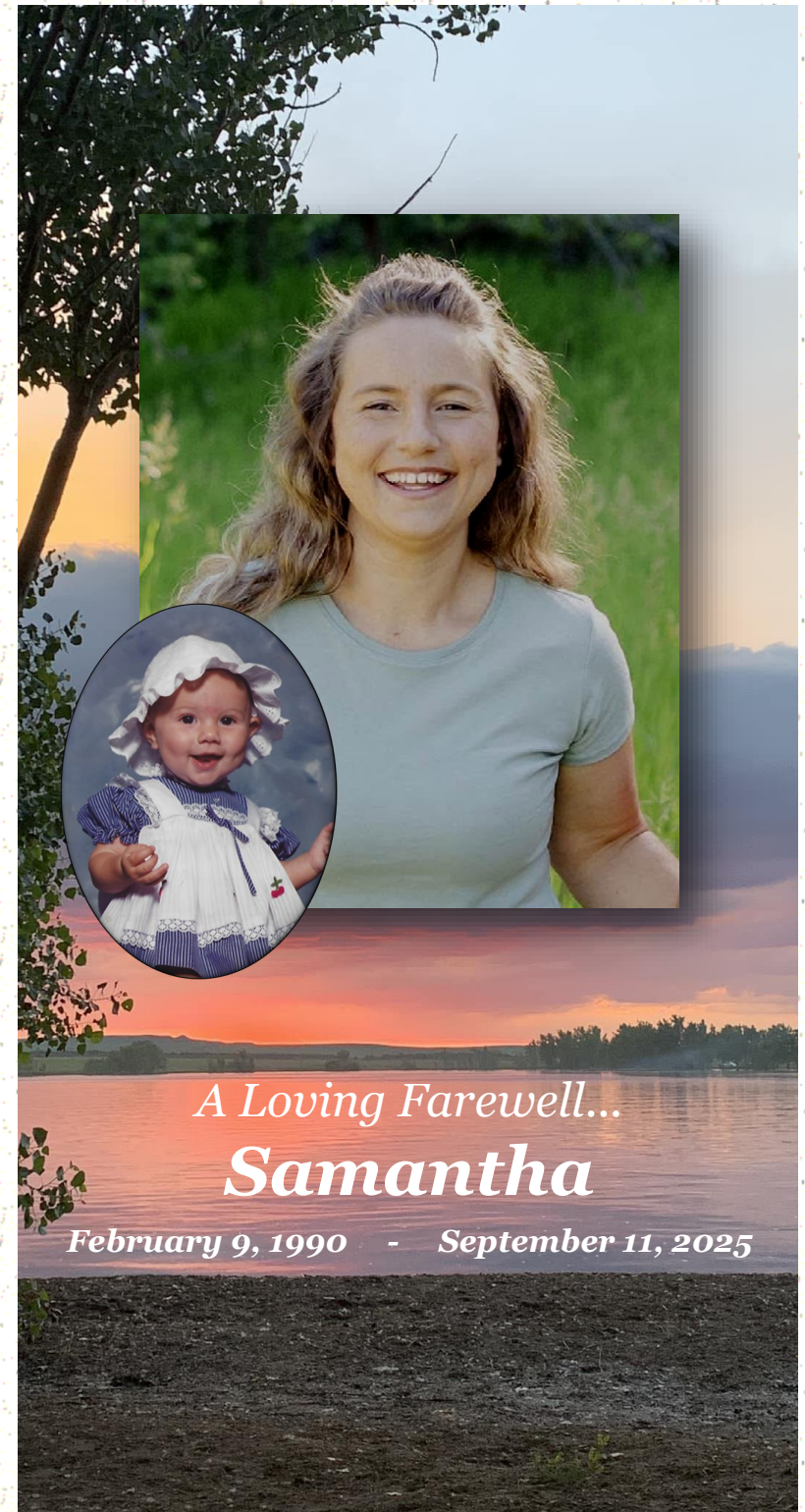
Sam was always one to jump in and cook a quick meal or snack. She liked to try new recipes. Good conversation and good food made her happy. In her spare time, she enjoyed putting together a good puzzle. It kept her busy with two little boys always willing to help. She participated in a puzzle exchange to keep her puzzle stash fresh.

Sam was always a member of her local Catholic church. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's in Lemmon. Raising the boys in the faith was always important to her.

After having Porter, she started work at Mountain View Elementary School so she could spend more time with the kids. The staff at Mountain View became like family over the years.

Grateful for having shared in her life are Dennis and Lea Kling; brother, Dylan (Larissa) Kling; Gary McCoy; children, Carter (4), Porter (7), Gary Junior (14), Kenzie (12), Alison (16); nieces, Hazel (7) and June Kling (6); nephew, Walter Kling (3); numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins; and in-laws, Lora Winton, Christopher Gengler, and family.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Bernard and Katie Kling; maternal grandmother, Connie Schiley; grandfather, Donald and Dawn Landis; and Uncles Don, Roy (RJ), and Doug.



A Loving Farewell...

Samantha

February 9, 1990 - September 11, 2025

In Loving Memory of **Samantha Jade Kling** **“Sam”**

Date and Place of Birth

February 9, 1990 Hettinger, ND

Date and Place of Death

September 11, 2025 Rapid City, SD

Mass of Christian Burial

11:00 a.m. Friday, September 19, 2025
St. Mary's Catholic Church Lemmon, SD
Fr. Adam Hofer, officiating
Jill Anderson, music
Lisa Donahue, reading

Pallbearers

Buck Schiley	Cash Schiley	David Lewton
Dylan Kling		Gary McCoy
Grant Lukonen		Levi Overacker

Honorary Pallbearers

All of the Mountain View Elementary School Staff

Interment

Greenhill Cemetery Lemmon, SD

“When shadows fall across our lives and dim the sunshine’s glow, by being here you help us bear our grief and onward go.”
With that thought in mind, on behalf of the family, we thank you for attending the service. Following the service, all are invited for a time of fellowship and refreshments at St. Mary’s Catholic Church.

Evanson Jensen Funeral Home

Greg Jensen, Matthew Barnes, & Caitlin Johnson, Directors
Nicole Huffman, Assistant
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life, scan this QR code to
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