

## Clayton Lester Kelly

Clayton Lester Kelly, the son of Lloyd L. and Delorse A. (Michael) Kelly, was born in Hawarden, IA, on August 10, 1960. He lived his younger years in the Yankton and Letcher areas of South Dakota before making his home in Rapid City. On May 10, 1996, he married Nancy Hunt in Rapid City.

Clayton was a master carpenter and operated his own business, "Clayton's Handyman and Remodeling Service," for 5 years. He was then employed by Knecht's Home Center before being diagnosed in 2014 with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. He fought this horrific disease like a true warrior, rarely complaining.

Clayton was one of a kind, never met a stranger, and was always willing to help anyone in need. His garage was his palace, and he could be found there building something or sharing a Corona with friends. He will be remembered for his witty, over the top stories and jokes. As his brother said, "his entire life was a story," and he will be missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

Clayton, 58, passed peacefully on Friday, April 12, 2019, at his home in Rapid City surrounded by his family.

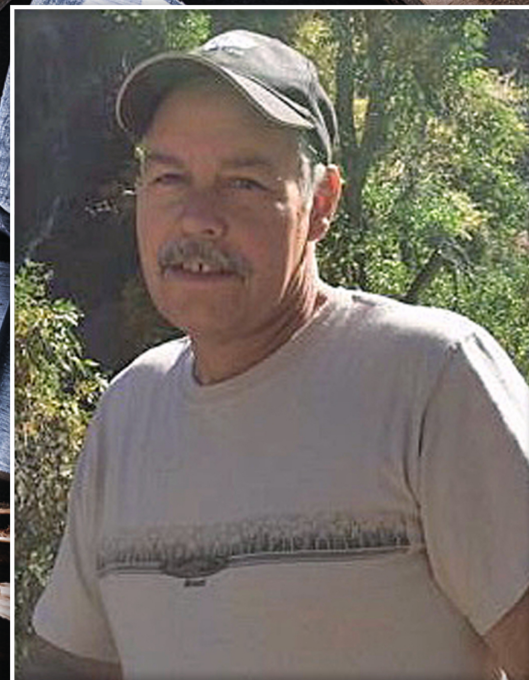
Blessed to have been a part of his life are his wife, Nancy; sons, Sean Kelly, Jeremiah (Jenna) Weaver, Jason Blakeman, and Jeremy Snyder; daughter, Amanda (Travis "TJ") Farrar; his grandchildren whom he cherished, Dylan Farrar, Blake Farrar, Avery Farrar, Melody Weaver, Caleb Weaver, and Isaac Weaver; brothers, Joe Kelly and Marlin (Vidette) Kelly; mother-in-law, Anna Dick; sister-in-law, Dottie Adams; nieces, Tanya (Kyle) Nelsen, Alysia Kelly, Tonielle Kelly, Angie (Steve) Jacobs, Jenae Kelly, and Chanel Kelly; and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Delorse; his father-in-law, Martin Dick; and a nephew, James Adams.

A memorial has been established.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch  
at the Rapid City Elks Lodge, 3333 Jolly Lane, following the memorial service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

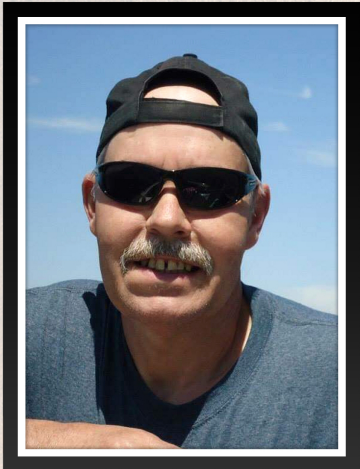


*In Loving Memory*

Clayton Lester Kelly

August 10, 1960 ~ April 12, 2019





When tomorrow starts without me,  
 And I'm not there to see;  
 If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
 All filled with tears for me;  
 I know how much you love me,  
 As much as I love you,  
 And each time that you think of me,  
 I know you'll miss me too  
 So when tomorrow starts without me,  
 Don't think we're far apart,  
 For every time you think of me,  
 I'm right here, in your heart.

~ David Romano

## *In Memory Of* ***Clayton Lester Kelly***

### ***Date of Birth***

August 10, 1960  
 Hawarden, Iowa

### ***Date of Death***

April 12, 2019  
 Rapid City, South Dakota

### ***Memorial Service***

Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.  
 Grace United Methodist Church  
 Piedmont, South Dakota

### ***Officiant***

Rev. Kori Lehrkamp

### ***Musician***

Karl Kroger

### ***Songs***

"The Dance"  
 "Just Be Held"  
 "Amazing Grace"

### ***Final Resting Place***

Mountain View Cemetery  
 Rapid City, South Dakota