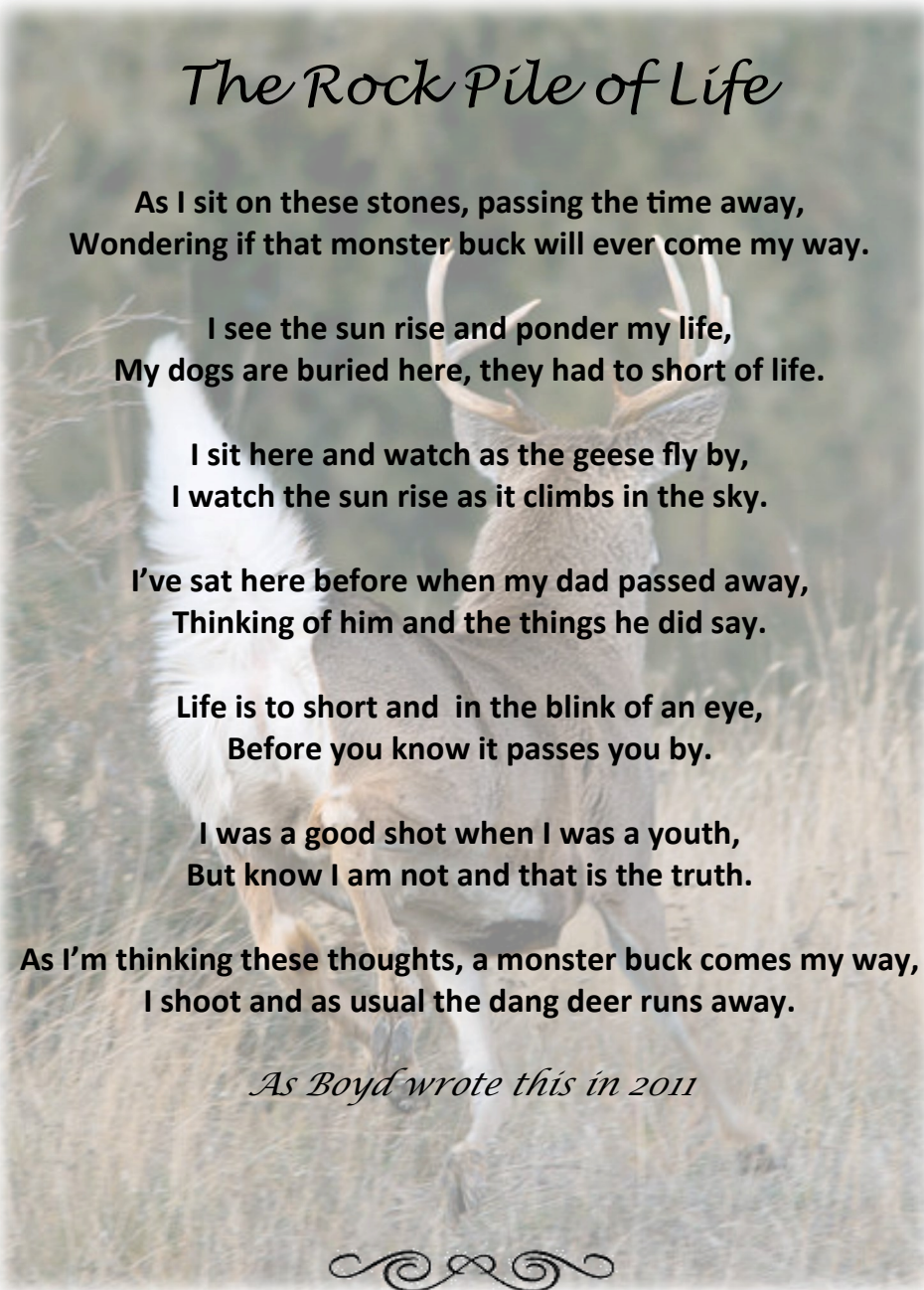




The Rock Pile of Life

As I sit on these stones, passing the time away,
Wondering if that monster buck will ever come my way.

I see the sun rise and ponder my life,
My dogs are buried here, they had to short of life.

I sit here and watch as the geese fly by,
I watch the sun rise as it climbs in the sky.

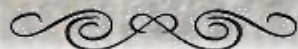
I've sat here before when my dad passed away,
Thinking of him and the things he did say.

Life is so short and in the blink of an eye,
Before you know it passes you by.

I was a good shot when I was a youth,
But know I am not and that is the truth.

As I'm thinking these thoughts, a monster buck comes my way,
I shoot and as usual the dang deer runs away.

As Boyd wrote this in 2011



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A Life Remembered

Boyd Poppen, age 61, Aberdeen formerly of Garden City, died at his home in Aberdeen after a brief battle with cancer.

He was born Boyd Nolan Poppen on October 15, 1958 at Watertown, the son of DuWayne and Betty Ruth (Whitford) Poppen. Boyd attended Garden City Elementary and Clark High School graduating in 1976. While he was in high school he was active in sports activities. After high school he attended Dakota State University at Madison and then transferred to National American University in Rapid City graduating with a degree in surveying.

He began his employment with Chevron working in Texas, California, Wyoming, Montana and then in the mid 1990's moved to Rapid City working as a surveyor in the Black Hills area including surveying the face and arm of Crazy Horse Memorial. In 2001 he moved to Aberdeen as a Regional Lead surveyor for the State of South Dakota, NE Region.

Boyd thoroughly loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing and being on the farm. He always was looking out for his Mom when he was around. Second to none though was his fun-loving attitude and following the nieces and nephews in their events, especially the nephews in their wrestling events. He loved watching professional sports of all sorts, being an avid fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers, and attending the Twins baseball games.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents and his father, DuWayne Poppen.

Survivors include his mother, Betty Poppen of Garden City, his soulmate of 10 years and fiancée, Jeannie Sherrard of Aberdeen and her children, Tim (Lily) White, Danielle Sherrard and fiancé Tyre, Charmayne Sherrard and a grandson, Calvin White. He also leaves siblings, Colleen (David) Jensen of Huron, Kelvin Poppen of Garden City, Russell Poppen of San Antonio, TX and Dan (Jody) Poppen of Watertown.



The family of Boyd Poppen thanks you for your presence here today, for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them.



Celebrating the Life of Boyd Poppen



Services from

United Methodist Church
Garden City, South Dakota
Thursday, January 16, 2020
11:00 AM

Officiant

Pastor Mark Tracy

Music

Pianist—Dorothy Fuller
“The Old Rugged Cross”

“See You on the Other Side” by Ozzie Osbourne

Honorary Bearers

Jeremy Hamilton, Monty Benally, Thad Herman,
Sam & Jack Poppen, All of Boyd's Other Nieces & Nephews
All of His Friends Especially John Wookey, Johnny & Andy Wookey,
Randy “Fuzz” Foster, Doug “Happy” Clausen, Rick “Badger Mulder,
Kathy Kruthoff, Mike Langenfeld, Gregg “Mutt” Helms,
Posthumously Roger Helkenn

Casketbearers

Matt & Ben Jensen
Brandon, Ryan & Shane Larsen
Jeremy & Jasten White

Interment in the Spring

Garden City Cemetery
Garden City, South Dakota



*Following the services, please join the family for a lunch
& a time of fellowship in the church fellowship area.*