



Jennifer Renae Hanson

November 24, 1976 - June 22, 2019

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On Saturday, June 22, 2019, our sweet and loving Jennifer went to be with her Lord and Savior after a courageous battle with cancer.

Jennifer (Jenn) was born in Everett, Washington to her loving parents, Brad and Karen Hanson on November 24, 1976. Childbirth is a miracle, however Jenn's birth and early life offered many more miraculous events as she overcame a multitude of life-threatening conditions associated with spina-bifida. It took some time until she could begin her childhood at home. By God's grace, she was healed from many of these and grew up in Snohomish with her two older brothers helping her get around and stay in the thick of whatever was happening. Jenn loved life and loved being around people. Her earliest memories are of family camping trips to the White River, Chiwawa River and Lake Wenatchee as well as summers spent at Lake Connor Park. She also enjoyed traveling on road trips during the summer to visit relatives in North Dakota and Minnesota with her parents and brothers. As her parents began to take an active role teaching the Gospel and serving others, Jenn also spent much time in church, Bible studies, and evangelistic gatherings. She attended Maltby Congregational Church, Spruce Way Chapel in Lynwood, and later King's Way Chapel in Lake Stevens. Jenn attended King's Way Christian Academy for the majority of her elementary and secondary school days and is known for her kindness, smile and love for others. During her high school years Jenn and her family went on their first mission trip to Russia and she would go on 2 more trips to Russia to serve the people there. It was a special challenge and adventure for Jennifer and she loved serving along with her family. The Russian people came to love and cherish her like a sister or daughter of their own. Upon returning from Russia, Jenn lived in and cared for the family home with her brother Dan while he was pursuing his teaching degree. She was a huge help to him and very much enjoyed this time spent together. She also attended the Clearview Foursquare church as well as the Snohomish River of Life Foursquare church where she served in many ways such as volunteering time in the office and greeting people on Sunday mornings.

As a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, Jenn pursued many opportunities to serve others and share the message of the Gospel. One of these included missionary training and service through Youth With a Mission (YWAM) where she trained in Salem, Oregon and all over the United States. When she returned she dedicated herself to coordinating events and gatherings for MITE ministries.. She was always ready and willing to serve in so many capacities.

Above all, Jenn had such a love for children and considered it a great blessing that she could move to Wenatchee in 2009 to be closer to her brother Jon, his wife Anya, and their children Jayden and Anessa. Jenn so enjoyed taking the kids for the day or overnight, playing with them and being close to them. Not long after this Adelyn was born bringing even more joy. Jenn took great pride in being an Auntie and was a constant positive and loving presence in their lives.

Her love of children led her to pursue and complete her Associate of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Education and she graduated from Wenatchee Valley College in 2016. She was a head start teacher's assistant here in Wenatchee up until her illness prevented her from working. She loved working with 3-5 year old children, organizing activities, teaching them the alphabet, numbers and so much more. She was so glad to be a positive influence in their lives and worked very hard to be excellent at her job.

In 2016 Jenn was delighted to hear that her brother Dan, his wife Sandra and their two children would move to Wenatchee and be so much closer. Julia and Josiah loved their Auntie and all were glad to spend more time with Jennifer. In 2017 Jennifer got another nephew, Benjamin and just recently had the opportunity to meet and hold yet another nephew, Jonah, in April. She was so proud of each of her 3 nieces and 4 nephews and would intentionally set time aside in her schedule to be with them. They will greatly miss her hugs, smiles, laughs and advice.

Jennifer enjoyed many activities here in Wenatchee which included swimming at the YMCA with her mom, who was her closest friend and confidant. She also loved riding horses at Alatheia Therapeutic Riding Center. Additionally her smile and friendliness will be remembered from her attendance at the Rio De Vida Church, Living Room Church, and Life Church.

She had so much courage, hope, love and joy all through her life. Jennifer lived life to the fullest and lived an abundant life.

Jennifer is preceded in death by her grandparents Howard Hanson, Rose Hanson, William Nachatilo and Evelyn Rankin as well as her Aunt Sandra, Uncle Marvin, Uncle Curtis and cousin, Darlene.

Jennifer is survived by her parents, Brad and Karen Hanson, brother Daniel (Sandra) Hanson and brother Jonathan (Anya) Hanson. She is also survived by her nieces: Anessa, Julia, Adelyn, and nephews: Jayden, Josiah, Benjamin and Jonah.

Our beloved Jennifer, we know you are dancing with the angels now and basking in the eternal life-giving presence of Jesus. We love you and will miss you dearly here, however we also know that you are now in your real home in heaven. For this reason we thank God for you and rejoice with you.

A celebration of Jennifer's life will be held at Sage Hills Church, 1601 5th St Wenatchee WA, 98801 on July 5 at 12:00PM.

Proverbs 31:29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.