



Nikie Passios

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Wenatchee, Washington

Nikie Passios, of Wenatchee, died while hiking somewhere in Washington State.

Born in Indiana, she lived there most of her life, but after a visit to Wenatchee, she realized that the Pacific Northwest is where she wanted to be. She often joked that she didn't have an accent because most families escaped the midwest to be here. She admits missing her family and her friends of 20 or more years (even one since 4th grade), the fireflies, and a "good thunderstorm", but Nikie never regretted her decision. She moved to the Wenatchee Valley in 2022 to become the Managing Funeral Director of Heriatge Memorial Chapel. She loved her job and her coworkers, who she always considered her family in the valley.

Nikie considered herself pitifully addicted to the scenery and geology of the area, often pestering her colleagues and friends to suffer through the endless pictures of areas she's hiked, drove by, or even a picture of a rock on the side of the road. She never met a stranger when hiking and was known for her willingness to hike anywhere, any time and with any group of hikers - they just

had to tolerate her endless stops to take a picture. She said she felt like, "Natures Paparazzi in an infomercial". She would take a picture and when she thought she's seen the best of the area, she'd turn another bend in the path and think, "But wait! There's more!"

Nikie would often encourage people to go "Fearlessly Forward" in life. She always believed that it was this moment in time that mattered. She would also say, "Take care of your corner of the world, and if we all do perhaps we'd discover there are no corners after all". She loved a good laugh and often joked. Sometimes, it would even be funny.

If she had to have an epitaph, she said it should be, "I did my best".

Nikie is survived by her father and siblings. She is preceded by her grandparents and mother.

The family is still deciding on what to do with her and as soon as they have made the decision, they will announce it.

In remembrance of Nikie, she'd like to tell everyone to "Take a hike!"