



Derek Pickard

May 9, 1986 - October 23, 2023

Derek M. Pickard, 37, a longtime resident of Wenatchee, passed away peacefully at his home near Cashmere. He was born on May 9, 1986, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and moved with his family to East Wenatchee when he was three years old.

Derek graduated from Eastmont High School in 2004, then earned his AA degree at Wenatchee Valley College before attending Central Washington University in Ellensburg. After education, he was employed by Cashmere Valley Bank for several years working in multiple departments.

He loved the great outdoors, especially climbing high peaks with his dad and friends. Summit highlights included Mt. Rainier, Grand Teton, Mt. Hood, Mt. Whitney (twice), Mt. Shasta, and several of Washington's top 100. Other adventures involved hiking Machu Picchu, the Wonderland Trail, Havasupai Falls, the Teton Crest, and the High Sierra Trail.

Derek also enjoyed travel, including visits to Brazil, London, Australia, St. Lucia, and the Netherlands. When younger, he spent multiple summers with his grandparents in Kodiak, Alaska.

Other loves of his life were music, photography, and his favorite NFL team, the Denver Broncos. A lifetime dream was reached when the Broncos won Super

Bowl 50 and he was able to attend the victory parade in downtown Denver to help the city celebrate.

Derek is survived by his parents David and Doris, and his brother Daniel (Megan). He had a special bond with niece Layla and nephew Sawyer. Other survivors include his grandmother Lorene Ebel and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of life event will take place in the spring of 2024 for family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Chelan County Volunteer Search and Rescue. You may visit their website at ccvsar.org for more information.

"Another Great Day in the Mountains!!!"

Tribute Wall

DP

“ *In the mountains you loved so much. Hiking will never be the same again.* ”



Dave Pickard - November 03, 2023 at 01:54 PM

AP

“ *Derek, you were always a special friend to Nathan. We loved traveling with you and all our times together.* ”



Ann Pickard - October 30, 2023 at 01:54 PM

EA

“ *Derek, our dear nephew, at the Denver Broncos Super Bowl Parade! You are forever loved.* ”



Ellen Pickard Alles - October 30, 2023 at 12:12 PM

JB

“ *Dave and Doris, I can't contemplate your sorrow but I know the love you shared! I hope in time the memories of being on the trail with Derek will warm your hearts! Our condolences*

Jack Biddick - October 29, 2023 at 07:13 PM

DP

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Dave Pickard - October 27, 2023 at 10:05 PM

DP

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Dave Pickard - October 27, 2023 at 09:56 PM

DP

“ *Derek had so much heart and joy in his life. He was a true Denver Broncos fan. He was the best little brother.*



Dan Pickard - October 27, 2023 at 07:37 PM

DP

“ We had so much fun during the Wild’s championship season. A time of so much celebration and high fives. Derek loved the extra time that he was able to spend with his nephew Sawyer.



Dan Pickard - October 27, 2023 at 07:06 PM

SH

“ Derek has been an important and very special part of our family for 25 years. He will be greatly missed.

Stacie Hartley - October 27, 2023 at 02:39 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - October 27, 2023 at 12:00 PM