



Nicholas Hamburg

January 31, 1983 - September 28, 2022

Nicholas William Larry Hamburg

Nick was born January 31, 1983 in Everett, WA and died September 28, 2022 in Wenatchee, WA.

Spina Bifida confined him to a walker or wheelchair for his entire life - BUT WHAT A LIFE HE LIVED!! He went through the Sultan School District, graduating in 2003. He was very involved with school and sports activities, never missing a game or dance. Nick was in Tiger Cub, Weblo, and Boy Scouts, achieving the rank of Star; camp-outs were his favorites.

He fearlessly endured many stays and surgeries at Children's Hospital in Seattle; always coming home a stronger/better, person.

He worked at Romac Industries before moving to East Wenatchee in 2004, where he really gained more independence and riding the Link bus by himself. Nick volunteered at the Library and Colonial Vista. He worked at Mt. View Fitness, then Pacific Aerospace for over 10 years. He was interested in local, national, international news, always reporting to us what was going on. Nick also liked local and cultural activities like parades, symphonies and performances. Sports were a big interest for Nick, especially the WSU Cougars, Wenatchee Wild and Apple Sox and local high school teams. He loved outdoor activities like biking, road trips, State Parks, and monuments.

He also spent hours on the deck reading and watching the birds and boats on the river.

Nick traveled extensively to all the western states, plus Hawaii, Alaska, and trips to Civil War Battlefields, Washington DC and Mexico. One of his favorite things was riding his hand-cranked bike ever Friday to the VFW and Upper Valley Connection where he played baseball, basketball, soccer, fished, went on hay and snow rides and dances. He loved downhill skiing at Steven's Pass with OutDoorsforAll and horseback riding at Alatheia Riding Center. He was very generous and contributed to many local and national charities.

Wherever Nick went, happiness followed. He had a way of making people feel happier, better. One VFW member said, "Whenever Nick comes through the door, we all feel better." And the world is a better place because of Nick. He has a sign above his computer desk that says, "Always end the day with a positive thought. No matter how hard things were, tomorrow is a fresh opportunity to make it better."

We would like to thank all the staff at Children's Hospital and Confluence Health. They were not only caregivers, but friends to us and Nick. To everyone who helped make Nick's life better.

Nick is survived by his parents, Linda and Dennis Hamburg; sisters, Jill and Paige; brothers, Chris, Shane (Meg), Doug, Ben and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be sent in his name to VFW Post 3617 211, 11th NE, East Wenatchee, WA, 98802; Upper Valley Connection, PO Box 2137, Leavenworth, WA, 98826; Seattle Children's Hospital Memorial Wall, PO Box 5371, Seattle, WA, 98145.

A Memorial Service will be held, Saturday, October 8, 1pm at the Veterans Hall located at 1206 N Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee.

Nick - you will always be with us in our hearts. Our goal is to be more like you. Thank you for the life you showed us. Goodbye, our HERO, and God Bless.

Tribute Wall

ML

“ I met Nick at Worx Gym and he and I shared the most gentle friendship. We enjoyed chatting about our past week and I felt a special fondness in my heart for him as he seemed to emit so much love from that small space he took up. Sitting at the table having coffee with fellow gym class members, he would sneak up behind me and begin to give me a shoulder massage....he made me feel special to him. When we first met there (at the gym), I kept wanting to call him by a different name...Dan I think. Anyway, I worked at Pacific Aerospace and Electronics before he came on board. If I'd known he was going to come to work there, I might not have left. What a beautiful soul he carried and what love, kindness, and compassion he showed others. One of a kind; he IS definitely missed! Condolences to all family and friends.

Marcella Liukko - October 07, 2022 at 09:31 PM

MM

“ What a great guy Nick was. Always a friendly smile and the first one to come and say hello. We will miss seeing him at local sporting events, that's for sure! With love, the Mike McRae Family

Mike McRae - October 06, 2022 at 05:56 PM

BM

“ *What a skier! Nick was the fastest we had at Stevens Pass Outdoors for All and we only had a handful of volunteers who could keep up with him. He inspired as well as, challenged us all. We will miss him and know that the body he now has in heaven will let him do everything he loved, but even better!*
Dennis, you were the best dad we know - through sleet, snow, road closures you were always there.

Mike and Bobbi Meins

Bobbi Meins - October 06, 2022 at 02:20 PM

RB

“ *I sat directly in front of Nick and his Dad at the AppleSox games for many years. Both my husband, Bruce and I are sad to hear of his passing. Bruce was in the press box doing the stats for the AppleSox but always had a minute or two to chat with Nick. What a fantastic young man. He surely blessed us all with his outgoing smile, friendly nature and positive attitude. We enjoyed our chats with him and his Dad. Our blessings and love to the family. You have many happy and wonderful memories of Nick to warm your hearts. Bruce and Rexine Bennett*

Rexine/Bruce Bennett - October 05, 2022 at 03:06 PM

JF

“ *Hi Nick! I was shocked to read that you passed away. I hope you are up there rooting for WSU, the Seahawks and for my sake Virginia Tech. Thank you for keeping in touch with me when I moved back east. What a wonderful life you led with kindness and happiness.*

Jennifer Freeman - October 05, 2022 at 02:38 PM

JP

“ Nick always had time to chat. He was a friend I enjoyed.. gods speed my friend...

Jeff Phippen - October 04, 2022 at 07:43 PM

HF

“ well we are sad to hear nick has passed away. we always enjoyed our visits. we are glad we stayed in touch through facebook. we knew you were not well and God called you home. we are sure the jasper walls are beautiful.

Heather Flowers - September 30, 2022 at 08:34 PM